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Official eyes 'tweaking' zoning bylaws for effort

Town land for affordable homes?

By Rebecca Piro

Real-estate prices are still soaring, and there are many who argue that Andover needs affordable housing now more than ever. One of the biggest challenges for groups such as Andover Community Trust, which seeks to build affordable homes, is finding affordable lots on which to build, says Susan Stott, ACT president.

But Planning Director Steve Colyer says a possible solution may be at hand.

In fact, several eligible lots could be right under the noses — or in the backyards — of town officials, he says.

Colyer says that when selectmen voted to make affordable

housing a priority in the 1980s, they pledged not to give away any town-owned property until they determined it couldn't be used for low- to moderate-income housing. Accordingly, Colyer and Senior Planner Laura DeGroot assembled a list of town properties scattered throughout the community.

"There was a huge list of town-owned property, basically tax-title property and little slivers of land we've acquired over years and years," Colyer says.

Though that list has been collecting dust, it's time to dig it back up, he says.

"What we need to do is regenerate that list of town-owned properties, do an analysis of the

most (eligible) ones, and see if we want to go that route or not. We need to look at each one of them on a parcel-by-parcel basis to find out whether they can be used in any way for affordable housing."

It's possible that many of them will not meet zoning regulations, but that does not need to halt the effort, he adds.

"In a lot of cases they may be undersized lots that don't comply with zoning. Maybe we better tweak the zoning bylaw for that. There are other ways. We need to think outside the box a little bit," says Colyer.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major says he does not know

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TALKING TURKEY



Photo by Stephen Rohrbacher

Gravy train — Bob LaPierre and Olivia Scileppi help serve an early Thanksgiving meal to a packed room at the Andover Senior Center on Sunday.

Jobs expected to stay Philips buys Agilent group

By Neil Fater

Knowing their company, Agilent Technologies' Healthcare Solutions Group, already planned to ship manufacturing jobs to Singapore, more than 1,200 employees filed into a work cafeteria Friday morning waiting to hear the latest bombshell.

When they did, several came to their feet and applauded.

It turns out the manufacturing jobs aren't going abroad. Healthcare Solutions Group has been purchased by Royal Philips Technologies.

Philips, a household brand known by many Americans for producing everyday items such as color TVs, light bulbs and electric razors, purchased the Healthcare Solutions Group (HSG) for \$1.7 billion, according to the companies. It could be several months before the deal is closed, and HSG is expected to continue operating as usual during that time, says Heidi Wilson, Agilent spokeswoman.

About 2,200 of Agilent's 5,000 HSG employees work at the facility in Andover.

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FEASTER FIVE Road Race pull-out section

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- New location for Kids K.
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Pie-eyed — No matter what the weather, thousands of residents flock to Andover's Feaster Five on Thanksgiving, for fun, charity... and pie. For more, see pages 23 to 26.

Andover girls swimmers repeat as STATE CHAMPS

By Rick Harrison

Last November, after clinching its first Massachusetts All-State championship, the Andover High girls swim and dive team had an uneventful return to a town that was basically unaware of the accomplishment until the following day.

This year, thanks to the foresight of AHS and public-safety officials, the Lady Warriors received the royal treatment they richly deserved.

After winning their second straight MIAA state title at Wellesley College, and before the pizza party at Edie Muller's house, team members were thrilled as their bus was met by a police escort at the town line.

As the caravan of buses, police cruisers, parents' and friends' cars drove through Shawsheen Square — it was greeted by a sign flashing congratulations to the state

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Dedicated to him — At the ribbon cutting for the George L. Street memorial bridge are retired Captain Jack Caswell; George L. Street IV, the honoree's son; Heather Street, the honoree's granddaughter and George IV's daughter and Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Warren Kearn. The group cut a ribbon at each end of the bridge, and retired military, an honor guard and a bagpipe player were present.

George Street's bridge naming official Honoring the Captain

Nearly 200 people gathered Sunday to see the Greenwood Road bridge dedicated to Andover resident George L. Street III, the late U.S. Navy submarine commander and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony completed the efforts of Andover — home to Captain Street for most of his life — and the state legislature, which had worked for months to get the bridge dedication approval.

State Sen. Sue Tucker and Rep. Barry Finegold addressed the audience of townspeople, veterans and Street family members.

Street's son, George L. Street IV, commented on the appropriate nature of the honor.

"(The bridge) will lead to the new youth center," echoed Veterans' Services Agent John Doherty, who played a major role in the dedication efforts.

Street was a big supporter of youth and he loved working with kids, Doherty explained. Green-



Photo by Stephen Rohrbacher

George L. Street IV at Sunday's ceremony honoring his father.

wood Road leads to the Deymond Fields, which are positioned next to the new youth center site that was recently approved by Special Town Meet-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Stephanopoulos

George Stephanopoulos will give a lecture at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College on Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. The lecture had been postponed earlier this month because of Stephanopoulos' national network commitments and the presidential election. For more information call 837-5117, or 837-5121 during business hours.

Feaster Five registration

Registration for the Feaster Five road race is Tuesday, Nov. 21 from noon to 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 22, noon to 6 p.m., Ramada Inn Rolling Green, Andover; race day, Thursday, Nov. 23, 7 to 8:15 a.m., Woodworth Motors, corner of Routes 133 and 28, Andover. For more, see pages 23-26.

Clarification

In its coverage of the youth-center vote, the *Townsmen* referred to Andover Youth Foundation (AYF) member Tom Jones as a professional fundraiser. This description was used because Jones founded a fundraising company. Jones is not being paid for his work with AYF.

Out of flu vaccine

Andover's Health Department has postponed next week's flu vaccination make-up clinic, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 27, until further notice.

Due to a nation-wide shortage of vaccine, the Health Department received a smaller supply of flu shots for the community than usual, says Joanne Martel, public health nurse.

Between 700 and 800 people showed up to receive the vaccine at the first flu clinic last week. That was fewer than the usual 1,000 to 1,100 people the clinic serves, but it was still enough to wipe out the town's first shipment. The supply will not be replenished until next month.

"What's happening is that (the vaccine) is being delivered to us in partial amounts, so we got our first partial amount and it's gone," says Martel. "We were afraid this was going to happen. We have to wait for the next one, (and) we don't expect another shipment from the state until first week of December."

A make-up clinic is usually held for



Photo by Tim Jean

Ounce of prevention — Al Byron and other residents lined up for a flu shot at Andover High School.

those who did not receive the vaccine the first time around.

Because the delivery date is not definite, the department will not reschedule the make-up clinic until the shipment is in, Martel says. But residents who don't want to wait should check with physicians' offices or drug stores for available vaccine, she says.

—Rebecca Piro

Web question

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Should the town buy the Reich-

hold brownfield to help meet the town's passive and active recreation needs?

Although many residents often say the town desperately needs field space, only 21 people responded to the poll this week, during a shorter response period, due to the early *Townsmen* deadline. More than half, 12 of the 21, answered yes.

This week's question is: Should the town give town-owned land to a private group to build permanently affordable housing? Surf to <www.andovertownsmen.com> to vote.

NEWS CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 27 Andover Senior Center Building Committee , senior center cafe area, 6 p.m.	Thursday, Nov. 30 Andover Contributory Board , town offices, third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.	offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m. School Committee, town offices, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m. Televised.
Tuesday, Nov. 28 Planning Board , town offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. School Committee , town offices, School Committee room, 7:30 p.m. Televised.	Government Review Committee , town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 6 School Building Committee , town offices, selectmen's conference room, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 29 Recycling Committee , town offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 4 Redistricting Task Force , School Committee room, 7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee , town offices, school committee room, second-floor, 7 p.m.
	Tuesday, Dec. 5 Ballardvale Historic District Commission , town	Design Advisory , town offices, 1st floor conference room, 8 p.m.

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'W'e'd be here until the start of the (Feaster Five) race if I tried to explain them to you."

Karen Walsh, Home Health VNA R.N., regarding recent changes in Medicare that have decreased insurer reimbursements to her agency. (Story, page 23.)

'T'here kind of a pause. Then the screaming started."

Color Guard co-captain Amy Wetterskog on hearing the Andover Marching Band announced as the winners of the NESBA Division 1 championship in East Boston on Nov. 5. (Story, page 18.)

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ing.

"That's why (the bridge dedication) is so appropriate. It leads not only to the fields, but to the war hero. I think everybody was struck by the connection," Doherty said.

George Street IV cut the blue ribbon spanning both ends of the bridge with the aid of his daughter, Heather Street.

A marine color guard from Devens, Mass. paraded the group from the south end of the bridge where the ribbon was cut, to the north end where the ceremony was completed.

The bridge dedication may be the first of two major honors Street will receive, said Doherty.

Finegold and Tucker are again working with Doherty and others to get a land-attack destroyer ship named after Street.

"I really hope that what we're doing is a preview to a ship dedication down the road," said Doherty. "We're aiming high, but we think we've got a candidate deserving of this (honor)."

— Rebecca Piro

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Niiijima founded first Christian school in Japan

Historical talk on first Japanese PA grad

Emi Nakatsukasa has come to the United States under considerably more auspicious circumstances than the subject of her talk at the Andover Historical Society on Nov. 29.

"Joseph Niiijima, First Japanese in Andover" tells the story of a famous Japanese educator who came to the U.S. at great personal risk in the nineteenth century. He became the first Japanese graduate of Phillips Academy and then Amherst College, and ultimately returned to Japan to found Doshisha University in Kyoto, the first Christian university started by a Japanese citizen.

"Andover was the first place Joseph Niiijima learned about Christianity and the ways of the United States," says Nakatsukasa. "Andover was his initiation."

Niiijima, whose name is sometimes Anglicized to Neesima, left Japan in 1865 at a time when travel abroad was forbidden and the penalty was execution. He came to America, says Nakatsukasa, "to study Christianity and the social structure of the United States in order to improve the situation in Japan."

He traveled in secret, and a few

months after arriving in Boston, he moved to Andover, where he found socially prominent patrons who looked out for his interests.

According to Nakatsukasa, Niiijima's good looks and strong personality, in conjunction with the care of his benefactors, helped him avoid the worst of racism in this country. Nonetheless, she says, when he entered Phillips Academy, principle Samuel Taylor had Niiijima stay with a host family rather than in the dorms, to help keep him out of harm's way.

Niiijima graduated from Phillips in 1867, and he went on to Amherst College, where he graduated in 1870. The next stop in his American education was Andover Theological Seminary. He finished in 1874 and then returned to Japan.

While he was gone, the Meiji Restoration had liberalized the country somewhat, and he was able to start his Christian university the following year.

Nakatsukasa says every high-school student in Japan learns about Niiijima at some point.

"He was important to Japanese

education, because he wrote about democracy and free education," she explains. "This was a new way of thinking in Japan."

After dealing with minority status in America, he was often met with hostility in his native country as well, as Christianity had been legalized only the year before his return. Setting up Doshisha University right across from the imperial residence in Kyoto did not help, says Nakatsukasa.

"He had to overcome a lot of confrontation," she says. "Many government and religious leaders opposed him."

Nakatsukasa herself is here working at the Andover Historical Society as a business intern learning about nonprofit organizations. Her research on Niiijima has taken her to archives at Phillips Academy, Amherst College, and Boston.

Her talk on Wednesday, Nov. 29, begins at 7 p.m., and admission is \$2 for members and students and \$5 for nonmembers. Japanese tea and snacks will be served.

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— Adam Groff

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Tree at Courtyard hotel branches out to help needy children

By Jennifer Lappin

The giant Christmas tree has been installed at Brickstone Square this week, helping to mark the beginning of Andover's holiday season. But there's another tree in town looking for attention.

Each year, the Andover Courtyard by Marriott, off River Road, decorates a holiday tree with brightly colored ornaments attached with a gift tag. Each tag has the first name, the age, and a brief wish list for every child at St. Ann's Home in Methuen. The Courtyard hopes to have Andover residents stop in and reach for an ornament tagged with a child's wish list.

In the next few weeks, people can purchase one of the wish-list items and then drop the unwrapped gift and the original gift tag off at the Courtyard.

"And then the ornament is theirs to keep as a reminder of their generosity," explained Courtyard Special Events and Group Sales Coordinator Cindy Blum.

So what's on the wish list for the 2000 season? Eric, 12, is hoping Santa

will deliver a remote-control car, a Hot Wheels set, or wrestling figures. "I've also seen clothes; one little girl wants a bedspread, simple things that we take for granted," said Blum. This year there are 103 kids ages 5 to 15 who will be recipients of this gift-giving drive.

Andover resident and director of the residential program Ed O'Brien gave a little background information for those who have never heard of St. Ann's Home.

"St. Ann's is a residential treatment center for emotionally and behaviorally disordered children. Kids come here for a period of stabilization, and then a period of working through the trauma they have experienced, and then a period of time to work towards leaving here for foster care, specialized foster care, or another kind of program that better suits their needs."

For Christmas, about half of the St. Ann's kids will have a brief visit from family, or will get to stay overnight depending upon the surrounding circumstances for each child. The other half of the St. Ann's

population will be celebrating Christmas at St. Ann's Home.

"The kids celebrate Christmas kind of twice. We have a special dinner a few days before, where all of the kids and all of the staff have Christmas together. We're doing the same thing with Thanksgiving tonight. And we will do Christmas on Dec. 21 with some opening of presents and that will be for everybody. The kids who are here for Christmas and who won't go anywhere or see anyone will have a bigger Christmas with more presents on Christmas Day."

The Courtyard by Marriott in Andover faces one obstacle in facilitating this St. Ann's gift drive.

Most guests who stay at the Andover Courtyard are travelers and business professionals from out of town. With busy schedules and no ties to Andover, they are less likely to reach for an ornament off of the holiday tree.

"We do have some guests who will take a name off the tree, but not many. I'm trying to get the word out to local companies, my contacts, to bring in more Andover people," said

Blum.

Both the Courtyard by Marriott and St. Ann's Home are looking to the Andover community to assist in making this holiday season a joyous one for the special children at St. Ann's Home in Methuen.

For further information about the Courtyard's gift giving tree contact Cindy Blum at 794-0700, Ext. 625.



Photo by Tim Jean

It takes a village — While the Santa's Village and Brickstone Tree at Brickstone Square are understandable crowd favorites, Andover Courtyard, off River Road, encourages people to visit its tree this season.



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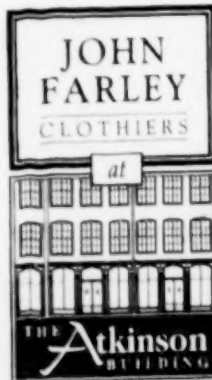
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Presidential election**Andover High grad launches Web site to push for revote**

By Adam Groff

Andover residents who think there should be a revote in Florida now have an easy way to express their feelings, provided by one of their own.

Leo Blais, a 1996 Andover High School graduate who's now in his last semester at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, has launched a Web site <www.floridarevote.com> where people can enter their state and send a petition to their US senator or representative.

Blais, a fifth-year senior double-majoring in marketing and English, put up the Web site with his cousin, Rick Breslin, who is a Web designer, and a friend of his from UMass, Darren Green.

"The basis of it is to let the people be

heard," says Blais. "This makes writing to your senator or representative more accessible." He said he got the idea when he went to the Web site of the US Congress, <www.congress.gov>, and saw that finding a way to e-mail his elected representatives was not very straight-forward.

He wanted to simplify the process for this particular issue.

Of the election, he says, "I was feeling a little disgusted with the whole thing. I just want the election to be fair."

Blais says he registered the domain name <floridarevote.com> on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 16, and then spent the rest of the day researching and typing in the names of every senator and his or her e-mail. The process on the site for

sending the petition to representatives is a little more elaborate, he says, because they do not all have their own e-mail addresses. He worked through the night and finished at 5:30 Friday morning, and he says that in the days since then, several hundred e-mail petitions have been sent from all around the country.

The first paragraph of the petition statement reads as follows:

"I, (name stated below), a citizen of the United States of America, do hereby believe that due to the voting improprieties in Palm Beach, Fla. during the presidential election, it is the right to not only the citizens of Palm Beach, but to the citizens of America, that there be a revote in the county of Palm Beach."

There is also the option on the site of printing the petition and mailing it to one's senator or representative. There is a third option as well: one can elect to send a petition to the United Nations requesting that they send a delegation to monitor the election-return processing. Blais says he got this idea from one of his AHS classmates, Sean Casey, who is in Spain on an exchange program from Brown University.

"The UN is a neutral party," he says, "and it's so hard right now to find people with a neutral bias."

Blais can be contacted regarding the Florida revote effort via e-mail at <florida_revote2000@yahoo.com>.

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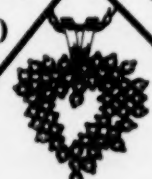


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Volunteers are town's strength

Earlier this month, a developer decided to sell land between Central Street and Lupine Road to the Andover Village Improvement Society. The purchase will help make a small, existing AVIS reservation larger.

And it couldn't have happened without the effort of the people in the neighborhood.

If residents hadn't fought tooth-and-nail with the developer and spent dozens of hours looking at plans and trying to document wetlands, the sale probably never would have happened.

Self-interest was involved. Clearly, several residents didn't want new homes squeezed into the land around their homes.

But there was more to it than that.

Residents volunteered their time and spent money not just on lawyers to stop the action, but in an effort to buy the land for AVIS, a move that would have benefited any resident interested in a short, peaceful stroll through the woods.

In the end, the developer did decide to sell to AVIS, and at least some of the residents say they plan to help AVIS to pay for the purchase. We encourage them to honor their previous pledge.

As Andover moves toward a national holiday of giving thanks, that is one action that deserves consideration.

As a whole, Andover has much for which to be thankful.

But perhaps first and foremost on the town's list should be the large number of people it has who are willing to get involved and volunteer their time or money.

Those involved with the recent land deal represent just a small percentage of the Andover people willing to make that commitment. To them, and all the others, we say "Thank you."

Letters policy

The *Townsmen* accepts letters to the editor from the community.

Letters must be typed, and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include an address and phone number with the letter. The phone number will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail.

As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.



Photo by Tim Jean

Cutting him down to size — Justin Gordon uses a chainsaw to make a solidier out of a tree trunk. For years, he's turned the trunks of Brickstone Trees into figures that decorate the Santa's Village by the Brickstone Tree. Workers were decorating the tree this week, and the tree lighting is planned for this Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving memories

Uniting family, those away from family



Perry Colmore

When I was a child we lived in Manila, the Philippines. My father's company, Procter and Gamble, transferred my father there for three years, which turned into eight.

I was 10 when we moved there, old enough to notice how different it was to celebrate Thanksgiving in a warm land. Other things made it strange to me, especially after a couple of years when my older sister and brother left to go to boarding school in the States. So now Thanksgiving was even stranger to this American kid: It was warm and the family wasn't together.

My family's solution was a good one. We invited three or four men

from the States who were temporarily assigned to Manila with the armed forces. They were away from their families at Thanksgiving. Of course they signed up to be placed with a family for the day.

I loved it. They were friendly and appreciated being included in one American family's celebration. We ate turkey and the fixings, we went swimming (so they could tell their families they'd been swimming on Thanksgiving), we went bowling some years and we sat around and talked. Since I was the only child at the celebration, I got a lot of attention and that, too, was fun.

Now as an adult, I've yearned each year to have my family around the Thanksgiving table, but also some guests who might not have family nearby and who like the idea of being included in a family's time of giving thanks.

This year, my husband and I will welcome my sister and a friend of hers who lives nearby but whose family is in another part of the country. We will miss our children, but my sister and my husband are family, and my sister's friend takes

the seat of the guest. That works for me.

About three Thanksgivings ago we had a large group around the Thanksgiving table: both my children, their significant others and my daughter's soon-to-be father-in-law, Lee.

We do serve turkey and did that year too, but my daughter is a vegetarian, so I've always offered some choices in case a person doesn't like turkey. That year we had scallops as we were on Martha's Vineyard and they're in season (delicious!), and I also marinated tofu and fried it at the last minute.

Lee sat on my right. The marinated tofu started at my end of the table and I took a slice and passed it to my left. When the tofu was about a third of the way around the table, I noticed a somewhat horrified look on Lee's face. When the tofu arrived at his place, he looked like he was in great pain and couldn't decide what to do.

"You don't have to eat anything you don't want to, Lee," I said, trying not to draw too much attention

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Letters

Voting properly is a responsibility

Editor, *Townsmen*:

After reading Ms. Simons' letter in regards to the difficulty in interpreting the ballots in Palm Beach County, I feel that some rebuttal is in order. The sovereign franchise, which a citizen has, is his or her sole responsibility. While a ballot engineered to confuse is morally wrong, the vote cast is the sole responsibility of the citizen. There is no getting around this. Everyone who casts a ballot is an adult, and with that come a degree of implied responsibility.

A citizen has a duty (not a word many people are fond of these days) to understand the process, from the Electoral College to the punching of the card. It is not the government's job to hold a citizen's hand when he or she votes. If, as Ms. Simons accurately states, some people aren't as intelligent as others, then they will simply have to work harder at it. That is life. If you cater to the lowest denominator, then pretty soon everyone will be the lowest denominator. Low expectations produce low results, and this holds true in every field of endeavor.

In my opinion, citizens who don't take the time to make sure that they vote properly, or don't make that effort to get the necessary assistance to properly cast a ballot, simply don't care enough about the process, and probably think that their votes do not really matter. That is, until they realize that their vote actually did matter. Then they raise Cain trying to get their votes (which they put little initial effort into) counted, or worse yet, they try to initiate a revote (a form of double jeopardy, and patently illegal). If people squander their votes, they have to live with the consequences. Though some people would like it differently, a citizen's decisions, including the decision to do something halfheartedly, have very real

Financial concerns reason to oppose youth center, support fundraising

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I wish to explain to friends and neighbors the concern that led me to vote against the Andover Youth Center at Tuesday's Special Town Meeting, even though I am in favor of a youth center (or a multi-age community center) for the people of Andover. I also wish to urge all businesses and townspeople to support the fundraising efforts of the Andover Youth Foundation, now that Article 11 has passed.

Article 11 stipulates that, before construction begins, "the private entity" (AYF) must have in hand \$1 million cash and a letter of credit, together totaling the full amount required to complete construction, and that the letter of credit must be obtained without use of town assets as collateral. I applaud this provision inasmuch as it guarantees that the building will be completed (rather than left standing half-built). However, I am concerned about what will happen to this potential debt of \$3 million plus interest, once the building is finished. What exactly will be used as collateral for this loan, and where will the money for the payments come from? Will Andover Youth Foundation be faced with raising money to pay for a building that people are already using and enjoying?

I don't see how fund-raising momentum can be sustained once the center exists. Will AYF have to institute a user

fee to help pay the loan? If so, such a fee could effectively turn a public facility into a private club for those youth whose families can afford to pay the fee. This is not the intent of the AYF, but it is a very real possibility.

Also, the economy is good now, but history suggests that we are due for a major "correction" within the next few years. What if an economic downturn means that AYF cannot meet its financial obligations? What if the private collateral is insufficient to pay the loan, or is claimed by another creditor? Will the debt then revert to the town, as well as the building?

To my knowledge, these questions have not yet been answered, yet the youth-center article has passed overwhelmingly. The best way to minimize the risk that Andover Youth Foundation must compromise its ideals (by



Photo by Tim Jean

Cheering section — Residents applaud the approval of the youth-center vote at Special Town Meeting. But not all residents feel the right decision was made.

instituting user fees), and to minimize the risk to the town (financially), is to reduce the potential debt by supporting the fundraising efforts of the Andover Youth Foundation.

We owe it to the youth who will enjoy the facility and who eventually, as taxpayers, will support its programs.

Marianne Knowles
183 Woburn St.

consequences, and it is not the place of a judge or a bureaucrat to wipe the slate clean because the citizen just did not feel like trying too hard that day.

One might note that I prefer to use the word citizen to voter. This is not by accident, as a citizen has a whole series of rights and duties that he or she performs to be part of the community, while the

word voter implies a lack of responsibility for the condition of society. Sadly, society seems to have moved away from using the term citizen, possibly because it connotes having obligations as well as rights. It reflects an age when people ask what their country can do for them, rather than what they can do for their country. I would remind Ms. Simons that for 225 years blood has been shed to pre-

serve the right to vote, and it galls me that someone would take such a right for granted, as was apparently the case.

John D. Jordan
Delta Company, TBS
24164 Belleau Avenue
Quantico, Va.

(Ed. note: The writer is a 1996 Andover High graduate.)

No candy, no bunnies

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to him.

"Oh, thank you," he said, and passed the tofu to me. Soon it will be a family tradition to remind everyone not to pass the tofu to Lee.

One Thanksgiving, years ago, when I was a young mother, my parents were with us for Thanksgiving. I worried about the meal and read recipes for weeks and weeks before the big day. I guess I thought I should be perfect at presenting a Thanksgiving meal when I probably had never cooked a turkey.

Anyway, I don't remember how the food turned out. What I do remember is my father asking for seconds before I'd even sat down to begin eating. I was horrified! He was enjoying himself so much that he hadn't noticed I

hadn't eaten.

At that same meal, my mother lit up a cigarette at the table and we asked her to take it to another room. (I said it was a lot of years ago. I hadn't gathered the nerve yet to say no smoking anywhere in my house.)

She was not pleased.

We should have invited non-family to that Thanksgiving celebration. It probably would have been easier.

What I like best about Thanksgiving is its purpose: to give thanks for what we receive. It's not about presents and it's not about bunnies or candy. It's simply a day to give thanks. And that I certainly do.

(Perry Colmore is a former editor of the *Andover Townsman*.)

Election: Self-interest, Democrats are to blame

Editor, *Townsmen*:

At the lowest point in recent political history we need not look anywhere but our own independent selves for the reasons. We looked at our wallets and 401Ks instead of at a president defacing the most important office in the land. Clinton was impeached, but held office. And now come the repercussions. We empowered the Democrats to do whatever to stay in office.

Mr. Gore and the lawyers are stealing this election and there ain't thing one we're going to do about it.

If Bush was declared the winner today it wouldn't stop. This is cut-and-burn politics, strategized far before we started pushing dental probes through pregnant chads. This attack was preplanned with more than 1,000 lawyers, demonstrators, telemarketers, and hundreds of politicians activated in days.

This wasn't a trickle. This was a mobilization. Those butterfly ballots were designed by Democrats, approved by Democrats, used in a hotbed of Democrats to allow the opportunity to blow up an election that didn't go their way.

And to those of you buying the every-ballot-must-count story line, think.

Manual recounts check the calibration of the machine. Florida lawmakers wanted to make sure the machines counted within a certain tolerance, not find more votes. If machines are three percent off for Gore in these three counties, then there are machines three percent off in Bush's favor in other counties. This has been acceptable until now.

We looked the other way once, and the Gore campaign is pretty sure it's a trend. I wrote my senators, you should too.

David S. Parker
102 Greenwood Road

Education

Andover public schools celebrate Children's Book Week

There was a lot of literature-based activity in local schools during National Children's Book Week and American Education Week last week, Nov. 12-19.

Several events were held at Bancroft School, according to Justine Quimby, library media specialist at the school.

Author Matt Tavares met with students Tuesday, Nov. 14 and read his book, *Zachary's Ball*, aloud. He entertained questions from the students and led them through the process of writing, illustrating, and then trying to have a book published.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the League of Women Voters sponsored its Read Along program at Bancroft. Each classroom had a reader visit the room and read a book. Many of the readers read from their favorite book as a child.

On Friday, Nov. 17, the BBC (Bancroft Book Club) held its first book discussion for fifth-graders. The featured book was *Holes* by Louis Sachar.

This book won the 1998 Newbery Award. The children were treated to doughnut holes and apple juice. Activities included "Stories with Holes" where the children filled in the important



◀ Author Matt Tavares read his book *Zachary's Ball* to Bancroft students Tuesday, Nov. 14.

book, give the genre, and any other notes they think are important. In March, a vote will take place for Bancroft's Best Book.

West Middle School Media Center offered three special events in honor of Children's Book Week. Lynn Willey, the media specialist, sponsors a program throughout the school year entitled "Brown Bag Lunch." The students bring their lunch from home or buy it in the cafeteria and bring it to the media center. Then, while they eat, the students and any parents who wish to join them, have a short talk and a question-and-answer period with someone whose career involves writing.

The "Brown Bag Lunch Programs" have been enthusiastically attended by the students. The first one was held Monday, Nov. 13, with Andover author Jeff Nathan, who just published his first book, *There's a Hippo in My Locker*. Nathan shared some of his poems with



Michael Hearn, author of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*, speaks to the students at West Middle School about his book. Hearn came to the school's Media Center for Children's Book Week.

the children and spoke about how he started writing poetry and how important it is to properly present the emotions of the narrator of the poem.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Michael Hearn, author of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*, currently on the *New York Times* Best Seller List, shared stories about his book. He discussed the similarities between the original reception of *The Wiz-*

ard of Oz by the public and the reception of *Harry Potter*, told stories about the actors he knew from the film, and spoke about the making of the film.

The special events concluded with *Andover Townsman* editor Neil Fater, who visited Thursday, Nov. 16.

Fater discussed the writing and operations of a newspaper and read a selection from *The Wreckers* by Ian Lawrence.

Consensus among School Committee: Yes on youth center

By Adam Groff

Members of the School Committee at the Special Town Meeting last Tuesday voted with the great majority of the town in favor of building a new youth center.

However, most members retain some concerns about how operating and maintaining the new center will affect their own efforts to provide for the education of Andover youth.

"In the next couple years, we may all need to make some hard choices about how we spend our money," said Chairwoman Tina Girdwood. She said she voted for the youth center because "I think that it is important to have many different opportunities for kids to connect with adults, and to support that diversity of opportunity."

But, through her involvement with the Strategic Planning Task Force, in conjunction with members of the

Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen, she has gained an appreciation for the kind of devilry found in budget details. She sympathizes with the concerns expressed by the Finance Committee, which recommended disapproval of the youth center.

"This is very complicated stuff," she said. "Most people don't understand it, and don't want to understand it, they just want a youth center. But people want downtown sidewalk improvements and a senior center, too."

Her own concern, of course, is for the Andover schools. "I'm concerned for the next or years," she says. "I see things that are pretty tight, particularly from the school's perspective. We need more teachers. We need more textbooks, and we also need to update the textbooks we have."

School Committee member and retired Andover football coach and social-studies

teacher Dick Collins said of the youth center vote, "I was very pleased. I've spent my whole life with the youth of Andover, and I'm delighted to see this thing pass." But he too qualified his approval. "We are all concerned, of course, that this doesn't hurt us somewhere else, if you know what I mean," he said. "I don't want to give them a youth center and then deny them a proper education."

Gerald Gustus, who has two children in elementary school, seemed to show the fewest reservations. "I think it's terrific. I'm a big proponent of it," he said. "I think (Youth Services Director) Bill Fahey is a first-rate guy, and the program he's put together and rolled out for the town is great."

Regarding budget concerns, he said, "It's not a fear of mine, that people will deemphasize monies for the school because of this. I think that 20 years from now, people will look

back and say, 'Wow, how did they accomplish all that?'"

However, Gustus, too, acknowledged the Finance Committee's cautionary note.

"I thought Joanne Marden's remarks were appropriate and on the mark," he said regarding the Finance Committee member's statement at the Special Town Meeting opposing the youth center on budgetary grounds. But he added, "I would be there if we had to consider a Prop. 2½ override, if we have to pay for all that stuff. If the citizens want to do that, I'd support it, and if they don't, I'd support that too."

Girdwood asserted, "I voted for this thing and for the senior center, because if you allow these things to move forward, people talk about it and it ends up making more sense. If we keep talking about it, maybe we'll work it out. But there's got to be planning for these things, because right now it's not there."

8 in GBYSO concert

Eight students from Andover are performing at Symphony Hall in the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras Holiday Concert on Sunday, Nov. 26.

They are: Sean Wu, Jessica Hsiao, Andrew Hsiao, Athena Hsieh, Rose Grabowski, Jin Xu, Melvin Huang and Eric S. Chung.

Austin Prep to hold joint class reunion

Austin Preparatory School in Reading is holding a joint class reunion for the graduating classes of 1980, '85 and '90. The reunion will take place at Austin Preparatory School in the cafeteria on Friday, Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. until midnight. The evening will include a buffet and a cash bar.

For more information, call Jay Dowd, director of alumni affairs, at (978) 944-4900, Ext. 36.

SCHOOLTALK

Sally Donahue, director of financial aid and senior admissions officer at **Harvard College**, will deliver a presentation on financial aid Monday, Nov. 27, to **Andover High School** and **Phillips Academy** parents. The presentation will

be held in the **Collins Center** at Andover High at 7 p.m.

If the federal financial aid forms have arrived, they will be made available that evening. Free pamphlets on financial aid will be available. **Anna** and **Robert Lieder's**

book, *Don't Miss Out*, published by Octameron Press, will be available for purchase at a cost of \$6 for interested parents.

For more information, contact **Peggy Cain**, AHS counseling department, at 623-8603.

ANDOVER HIGH REUNIONS

Class of '60 plans reunion Nov. 25

Andover High School class of 1960 will hold its 40th class reunion at the Ramada Rolling Green on Saturday Nov. 25, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner buffet at 7:30. Richard Daniels is coordinating the event. The cost for the evening is \$50. For more information or to register, contact him at 479 Chase Road, North Sandwich, NH 03259; or <ddi@worldpath.net>.

To help locate missing classmates, contact Michael Frishman at 475-2605; or <frishma@mediaone.net>.

Class of '75 reunion is Nov. 24

Andover High School class of 1975 is planning its 25th reunion Friday, Nov. 24 at Indian Ridge Country Club on Lovejoy Road.

Cocktails start at 7 p.m. and a buffet dinner will start at 8. Dancing will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple.

Send payment to Jody O'Brien, 7 Cedar Road, Andover 01810, and make checks payable to "AHS Class of 1975."

Reunion committee members include: Meg Bartow, Chris Johnson Collins (470-3209), Ann Daly (470-1365), Cyndy Sullivan Fortier (475-0239), Martha King Giguere (475-5634), Sandy

Frasier Hitchins (475-6941), and Jody O'Brien (474-9365).

Class of '80 20th reunion is Saturday

Andover High class of 1980 will hold its 20 year reunion at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Saturday, Nov. 25 beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, check out <<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/ahs1980>> or call Marybeth (Oskar) Leary at 470-8898 or <cgcljmn@aol.com>; or Kathy (Reming) Tanner at 475-6178.

Class of '90 plans reunion Nov. 24

The AHS class of 1990 will hold its 10-year reunion at Andover Country Club, Canterbury Street, on Friday, Nov. 24, from 7 to midnight.

E-mail <anapolitano@worldnet.att.net> for more information.

Class of '95 reunion is Friday

The Andover High class of 1995's 5-year reunion will be held at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Friday, Nov. 24, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Make checks payable to Andover High School Class of '95. Contact David Charland, 3501-207 Cumberland Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27613.



Photos by Kristen Hunt

Thank You! — Sanborn School's Harvest Festival program delivered gift baskets to seniors on Friday, Nov. 17 at Andover Commons, Marland Place, Wingate Nursing Home, and to those who receive Meals on Wheels, with more than 300 total deliveries, organizers said. Above is Dorothea Gillette. Below, Albert Normand receives a gift visit from Christian Bishop and his mother, Ann Bishop.



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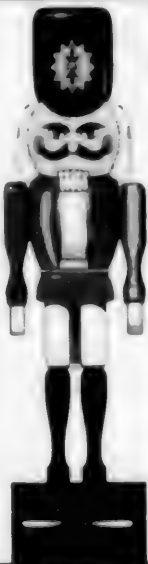
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LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 27-Dec. 1:

Elementary schools

Monday: Rotini with marinara sauce, Chicken McSchool, slice of pizza with salad, peas, fresh fruit, milk, and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday: Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, hot dog with puffs, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches, milk, and chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, toasted cheese sandwich, slice of pizza with salad, green beans, pears and milk. (Lucky tray day.)

Thursday: Meatball sub with fries, french toast and sausage, baked chicken nuggets, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Tuna salad on roll, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, applesauce, peas, and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Rotini with marinara sauce, Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza with salad, peas, fresh fruit, milk, and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday: Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, two hot dogs with puffs, baked chicken nuggets, carrots, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, nachos with cheese sauce, stuffed crust pizza with salad, green beans, pears, and milk. (Lucky tray day.)

Thursday: Meatball sub with fries, french toast and sausage, baked chicken nuggets, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub, baked chicken nuggets, Chicken McSchool, applesauce, peas, milk, and brownies.

Secondary schools

Monday: Cheese omelet with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork dinner, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

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News

Should business owners pay a rate closer to residents'?

Selectmen consider giving tax break to businesses

By Rebecca Piro

If the Board of Selectmen decides to follow the trend of the past few years, businesses could pay a smaller percentage of the town taxes than in recent years, and residents could pay a larger percentage.

Selectmen will take four votes next Monday, Nov. 27 as they set the new tax factor and determine which, if any, tax exemptions residents and businesses will have in the upcoming fiscal year.

The tax factor has been going down since 1996, when it reached a high of 1.35. The higher the tax factor, the lower the residential property tax rate, and the higher the commercial tax rate, explained Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

Each year, selectmen set the tax factor for Dec. 1 – a factor that will automatically calculate the residential rates and the commercial/industrial rates. Those tax rates will determine how the town collects the money to cover the budget approved back in April at annual Town Meeting, for fiscal year 2001.

"We're now setting the tax rate to take care of what April's Town Meeting declared it wanted to do," said Major.

Last year, selectmen set the tax factor at 1.26, which means that commercial and industrial properties were taxed 26 percent higher than residential properties. Accord-

ingly, residential owners paid approximately \$14.50 per \$1,000 of property value, and commercial and industrial owners paid approximately \$20.50 per \$1,000.

"There is a substantial difference between the two," said Major. He said he would like to see the tax factor get closer to 1.00, where there is no significant tax classification and both businesses and residents pay equally.

"Over the last few years, we've reduced the tax factor each year. It's come closer to parity," Major said. "There is some unfairness that goes into overtaxing one entity so you can undertax another entity."

Major said afterwards that he would like to see the tax factor go down from the current 1.26.

"Could it go down as far as 1.20? Maybe," he said.

Only one business owner addressed the board Monday night at the tax rate hearing, and he requested that selectmen consider the burden that a split tax rate places on local businesses.

"In my eyes, anyone who supports tax classification is a racist," said Greg Doyle, president of Doyle Lumber. "(Business owners) are a minority. Every business person in this town is subsidizing the taxes for every home owner. Tax classification pits homeowners against businesses. Why is it that everyone thinks if you own a business you are rich?"

Doyle also read from a letter written by Chamber of Commerce President Joe Bevilacqua, who could not attend the hearing.

"The reduction of (commercial/industrial) property taxes serves to keep (businesses) viable. The Chamber requests that Andover reduce (commercial taxes) downward from the current rate," Doyle read.

Town assessor Bruce Symmes explained that the board will have three tax exemption plans to consider next week, none of which the town has accepted before.

A "Robin Hood" exemption would lessen the burden of taxes on lower-income households with homes valued at \$200,000 or less, Symmes said. Less than 10 percent of the homes in town fall into that category.

For homes worth between \$200,001 and \$300,000, there would be no significant loss or gain with the exemption. Homes valued at \$400,000 and up would bear the brunt of the taxes, thereby tax-

ing those households that can afford higher taxes the most, said Symmes.

Selectmen will also consider an exemption on open space. Under this plan, residents could deem a parcel of their property as open space and receive a tax reduction in return.

The last possible exemption is targeted at commercial land owners, said Symmes. Business-property owners could receive a reduction up to 10 percent of the property value in taxes.

Only two other communities in the Massachusetts have adopted that exemption plan, Symmes added.

Major said he is seriously considering the benefits of the Robin Hood plan.

"Basically, this (exemption) shifts the financial burden from the folks who have lower-assessed homes to those with higher-assessed homes," he said.

The hearing was continued until next Monday, Nov. 27, at 6:30 p.m.



Selectmen Chairman Brian Major: "There is some unfairness that goes into overtaxing one entity so you can undertax another."

HOLIDAY BUSTLE



Photos by Tim Jean

The holiday season kicks off tomorrow, Thursday, with the annual Feaster Five road race, beginning at the painted starting line near Shawsheen Square (see pull-out section). While volunteers have been working hard to get the race ready, workers this week were also preparing the Brickstone Tree for its Sunday lighting. The Feaster Five adult races end near the base of the tree.



First of town's large sewer expansions

\$27-million project clears state hurdle

The town's \$27-million sewer project is one step closer to breaking ground.

Last week, the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs released a certificate of approval for the Ballardvale Road, South Main Street and Rogers Brook sewer project. The approval came after the town had submitted additional information to the state in a supplemental Environmental Impact Report last September.

The state had required that town officials provide more details specifically concerning the ability of the Shawsheen River Interceptor to handle the extra flow created by the project.

The project was last scheduled to break ground in March.

The additional information was enough to satisfy the state, said Environmental Analyst Richard Foster.

"There were several issues that... required a little more explanation and analysis. The supplemental EIR did in fact provide that information," he said.

The certificate of approval does not, however, clear the town of all the state's hurdles.

The town still needs to seek sewer extension permits from the Department of Environmental Protection, said Foster. The EOEIA approval is a crucial step in receiving those permits.

"Finishing with us allows (the town) to seek those permits now. DEP will determine whether they will get them or not," Foster said.

Director of Public Works Jack Petkus was not available to comment on the EOEIA approval Tuesday morning before *Townsmen* deadline.

— Rebecca Piro

Affordable

which properties could fit into that category, but he is eager to spend some time on the proposition. "I think that it's important that we continue with this pledge," says Major. "I would love to learn. We as a community need to keep (affordable housing) in the back of our minds."

Stott says all the talk about the possibilities for affordable housing gives her hope that the town will step up its efforts.

"Given all the conversation I've heard, there's an opportunity to think how those lots might be used to achieve some of the town's affordable housing objectives," she says. "I think we need to use every tool we can find."

ACT hosted a cornerstone celebration for the construction of the first permanently affordable house in Andover a month ago. Since then, between 30 and 40



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

More, please — ACT President Susan Stott, above with the Greater Lawrence Technical School's Bill Berard, would like another cornerstone celebration like the one last month at the site of what will be the organization's first "permanently affordable home."

low-income households have expressed interest in the house, says Stott.

The need for affordable housing is certainly there, she argues.

Reichhold residential land for affordable housing?

There are many possibilities for the Reichhold Chemical property if the town decides to buy it, says land-acquisition committee member Jerry Bird.

Whether the town would use the land for affordable housing lots remains to be seen.

Town officials are considering the purchase of 46.7 acres off Lowell Junction Road for somewhere between \$3.3 and \$3.6 million as part of the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2002-2006.

The property is made up of three parcels: two industrially-zoned sections, and one residentially-zoned area. The land could be used for ball fields, walking trails and general open space, Bird suggested at a CIP public hearing last week.

Chairman Brian Major wondered openly whether the residential parcel

could be used for affordable housing.

While some residents and town officials agreed that the idea is interesting, they said it is unlikely the Reichhold land would be suitable for such a use, due to its environmental history.

Reichhold Chemical produced resins at that site for several years, says Selectman Mary French, and she can remember a time when the land and river were greatly polluted.

Though Reichhold has been cleaning up the area since it closed in 1990, it is unlikely the company would sell the land with the possibility that housing would go in, says Bird.

"(The property) is by all studies almost (clean), but if by chance there was a house there and somebody got cancer by any means whatsoever, they would be very vulnerable to lawsuits," Bird says.

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Commons situation focuses attention on apartment stock

By Rebecca Piro

Because its current Section 8 housing contract is ending, soon Andover Commons may no longer be an option for new renters in need of affordable apartments.

Residents of the affordable-housing complex on Railroad Street were recently informed that the units will become market-rate rentals by October of next year.

While the change wouldn't threaten the current Commons residents — they will receive vouchers to make up the difference in rental rates, and will not be forced to move out — as those residents move, the change could subtract from the town's number of affordable-housing units.

"If Andover Commons isn't there (as affordable housing), that's all... that is truly available for seniors. This is a big section of our affordable housing in

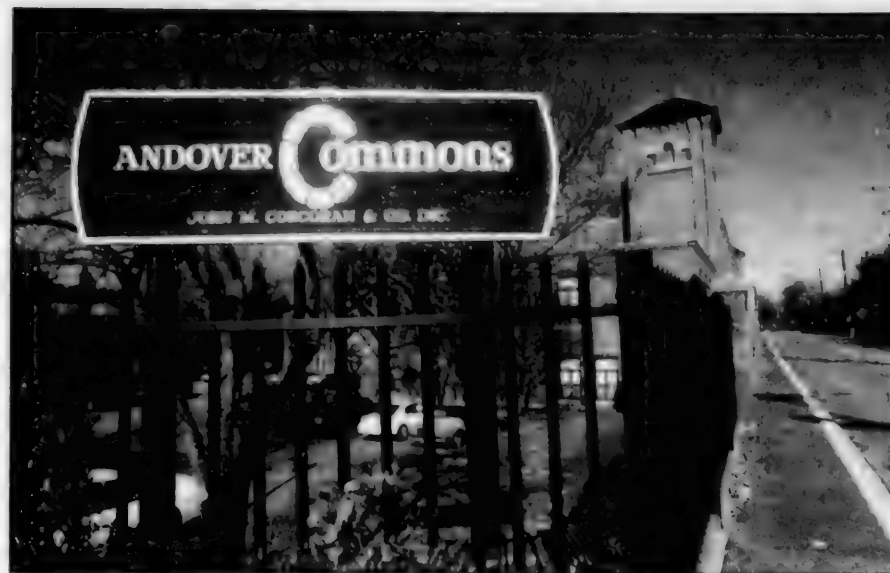
town," says Christine Metzmaekers, director of the Andover Housing Authority.

Corcoran Management Co., the owner of Andover Commons, could not be reached to comment on the possible discontinuation of its Section 8 contract with Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The contract is a 20-year agreement that says the owner will keep the rental rates at affordable limits, and the federal housing agency will subsidize families who live there.

But Shaun Donovan, HUD deputy assistant secretary for multi-family housing, says that the notification of contract termination is only a formality.

"An owner will give a notice saying that they are going to opt out (of the contract), but lots of times they haven't really decided yet," says Donovan.

Donovan confirmed that negotiations are taking place with Corcoran, and



Commons problem — Andover could lose an affordable apartment each time a resident of the Railroad Street complex moves, if Andover Commons decides to test the open housing market.

says that there is a possibility Corcoran will opt for a new HUD program called Mark-Up to Market.

"As long as a property is in good condition we will raise the rent up to what they could get in the market," says

Donovan. "In the large majority of cases we can be competitive with the market."

The Mark-Up to Market program gives owners incentive to renew a HUD contract for a period of at least five

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years, says Donovan.

"(Corcoran) has expressed interest in the program, and we've started to talk about the details," Donovan says.

Mass. General Law recommends that communities maintain at least 10 percent of housing units as affordable. Andover's affordable housing was last estimated at 9.03 percent 10 years ago by the 1990 census. Town officials are concerned that percentage would drop severely if Andover Commons dropped all HUD programs completely.

"Andover Commons counts towards our 10 percent," says Colyer. "If the subsidy isn't there anymore, it means the gap between the 10 percent is wider. We would have to (make that up)."

If the town does not stay near 10 percent, it is much more difficult for officials to regulate new affordable-housing projects.

"If we didn't feel (future projects) were appropriate and right for the town... then the fact that we (would be) below 10 percent outweighs local concerns," he says. The housing appeals committee would likely grant the developer a permit, regardless of the town's concerns, eliminating local control.

Andover Commons is one of many affordable complexes in the state that are approaching the end of their subsidy contracts, says Colyer.

With the economy as strong as it is, many owners want to get the higher market rate for their units. Therefore, as the contracts with HUD end, owners are less likely to renew

them.

"As long as those subsidy programs are alive, then all of those units are still affordable," Colyer says. "Once (the contract) expires, then the developer could put all previously affordable units back to market rate, so the entire project isn't affordable anymore."

"That was one of the big fears that we always had - what happens when the subsidy program runs out?" he continues. "(Andover Commons) was the first one that's going to come back on the market to haunt us. Now what are we going to do? How are we going to replace the units?"

Making up that lost stock in affordable housing would be difficult, because open land for development is both expensive and scarce, says Metzemaekers. It is possible that the Housing Authority would step forward to help.

"It's premature to say what (the housing authority's) role would be, but we hope to maintain the status of affordable units," says Metzemaekers.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major wants to sit down with Corcoran Co. and see if a negotiation could not be reached to keep the affordable units in town.

"I would love to have some sort of discussion (with Corcoran) to see if there are incentives for a property owner to renew that contract," Major says. "It would be to all our benefits if they would renew (the contract) and maintain the affordable housing."

Praise for program

MentorNet nets award for vision

The Merrimack Valley MentorNet Collaborative recently received the Fran Pratt Inter-generational Award for "vision, leadership and service" from the Massachusetts Inter-generational Network (MIN).

With funding from Bell Atlantic, the collaborative brought together students from local high schools to teach elders how to use computers. In exchange, the elders mentored the students about careers and other life experiences. The model program produced a manual to help other communities with such a project.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 15 - At 9:29 a.m., David Martin, 28, of 195 Bridge St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for cruelty to animals.

At 11:18 a.m., Brian Reveal, 21, of 57 Prospect Road, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was revoked, driving after his license plates were revoked, and operating an uninsured vehicle.

At 7:59 p.m., Sharyn Palermo, 56, of 45 Pembroke Drive, So. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

Thursday, Nov. 16 - At 2:03 p.m., Jeremiah Sullivan, 40, of 39 Springvale Ave., Lynn, was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor vehicle violations.

Friday, Nov. 17 - At 1:05 p.m., Timothy Sakowich, 25, of 252 E. Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a second offense of driving after his license was suspended. He was also charged with driving after his license plates had been revoked and with driving an uninsured vehicle.

At 10:52 p.m., Daan Vondell, 40, of 38 Linwood St., was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene in a motor vehicle after damaging property.

Saturday, Nov. 18 - At 7:21 p.m., Joseph Arcidiacono, 22, of 328 Ames St., Lawrence, was

arrested and charged with failing to yield at an intersection to an oncoming car, giving a false identification to a police officer, and driving after his right to drive was revoked.

At 8:10 p.m., Eric Tombarello, 19, of 386 Merrimack St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance, purchasing alcohol as a minor and using a false ID. Also arrested was Luke Maurier, 20, of 252 Main St., Plaistow, N.H., who was charged with unlicensed operation of a vehicle and as a minor transporting alcohol.

At 10:38 p.m., Pamela Lane, 43, of 511B Franklin Street, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for distributing Class A drugs.

At 10:51 p.m., William Digiacomo, 56, of 416 Broadway St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle, attaching license plates to a vehicle and driving after his right to drive was revoked.

Sunday, Nov. 19 - At 7:18 a.m., Rigoberto Lopez, 22, of 288 Broadway St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving after his license plates had been revoked, driving an uninsured vehicle, and driving without a license.

At 12 p.m., William Ring, 36, of 13 Beaver Lake Road, Derry,

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N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery.

At 7:02 p.m., Parris Sheperd, 26, of 10 Longwood Drive, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving after his license had been revoked.

At 7:22 p.m., Shelley Solomon, 51, of 3 Miles Circle, was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Monday, Nov. 20 - At 10:57 a.m., Julio Acevedo, 51, of 164 West St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for a second offense of driving with a suspended license. He was also charged with failing to get his vehicle inspected, driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle, and attaching license plates to a vehicle illegally.

At 4:53 p.m., Donald Skinner, 19, of 700C Brookside Drive was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person, resisting arrest, trespassing and disturbing the peace.

At 6:47 p.m., Edwin Travers, 37, of 287 Jackson St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a fourth offense of driving after his license had been revoked. He was also charged with having an open container in his vehicle and driving an unregistered vehicle. He was charged on a warrant for driving after his number plate was suspended. Also arrested was Rodney Brunette, 26, of 99 Tremount St., Lawrence. He was charged on one warrant for committing malicious damage to property worth more than \$250 and on a second warrant for threatening to commit a crime.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 15 - At 7:01 a.m., the custodian at St. Augustine Church on Essex Street reported seeing two females climb out of the dumpster near

the building. He thought the women had been sleeping inside. A responding officer checked the area, but was diverted to another call before he found anything.

At 1:28 p.m., a Phillips Academy security officer reported a cat stuck in a tree on Salem Street. The homeowner wanted to speak with the animal-control officer. The officer later reported that the homeowner "gave up on the feline."

At 4:26 p.m., an officer reported that a bunch of kids were trespassing at the skate park on Shawsheen Road after it was closed.

Thursday, Nov. 16 - At 2:32 p.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported a dog bite.

Friday, Nov. 17 - At 4:10 p.m., a Gray Road resident reported a "naked person" in a car seen by children walking on Tucker Road. Because the car was registered in North Andover, police notified the North Andover department of the offender.

At 10:17 p.m., an electrical fire at Justin's on Park Street was reported. The fire department responded to find light smoke in the rear of the building. The electrical company was notified.

At 10:23 p.m., an individual reported an assault on Main Street. An officer was to file on the incident.

Saturday, Nov. 18 - At 10:13 a.m., a female came into the station to turn in a wallet she had found.

At 12:41 p.m., a Hickory Lane resident reported that his cell phone was missing.

Sunday, Nov. 19 - At 3:07 a.m., a Lowell Street resident reported that a blue van was pulling in and out of driveways. A responding officer determined the driver was a Globe delivery man.

At 8:13 a.m., a Pine Street female reported that she had been missing a bank card from

her purse since Friday night.

At 11:48 a.m., police were notified of a female who said she wished to harm herself. The female was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 3:39, a female came into the station to return a wallet she had found at Marshalls in the Shawsheen Plaza.

Monday, Nov. 20 - At 2:05 p.m., Andover High School reported that one student was harassing another.

BREAKS

Monday, Nov. 20 - At 9:48 a.m., a Shipman Road resident reported that someone had broken into his house last week while he was on vacation.

THEFTS

Thursday, Nov. 16 - At 9:06 a.m., a female reported that her purse was stolen from Doherty Middle School the previous day.

At 9:50 a.m., an Old River Road resident reported that his cell phone was stolen at work.

At 11:11, a loan company on Haverhill Street reported

receiving a bad check from a client in California for more than \$231,000.

At 5:25 p.m., an employee at Regina Gift Shop called to report two men wearing large coats who she thought stole some items.

Friday, Nov. 17 - At 11:08 p.m., a person reported that a jacket was stolen from the Wyndham Hotel.

Saturday, Nov. 18 - At 1:34 p.m., a male reported that his green bicycle had been stolen from the front of Athlete's Corner on Main Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 16 - At 10:22 a.m., a male reported that he had left his vehicle in the Genetics parking lot overnight with a flat tire, and it was missing the next morning. He said security at Genetics had a videotape of the theft. An officer was to do more investigating on this incident.

Friday, Nov. 17 - At 10:26 a.m., a Wyndham Hotel guest reported that his window and been smashed in.

At 6:12 p.m., an officer reported that a deer had been

struck by a vehicle on Route 125.

At 6:54 p.m., a female reported that she had locked her keys inside her car. Elm Street Auto helped her open the door.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 16 - At 1:49 p.m., a resident reported an accident on Lewis Street where a vehicle struck a telephone pole and ripped down a street sign. No one was injured.

Friday, Nov. 17 - At 10:29 a.m., a vehicle struck another one on Andover Street after following it too closely. One female was transported by ambulance to Lawrence General Hospital for stomach pain.

Monday, Nov. 20 - At 4:27 p.m., a two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 28 by the on-ramp to Interstate 495. An officer was to file on the incident.

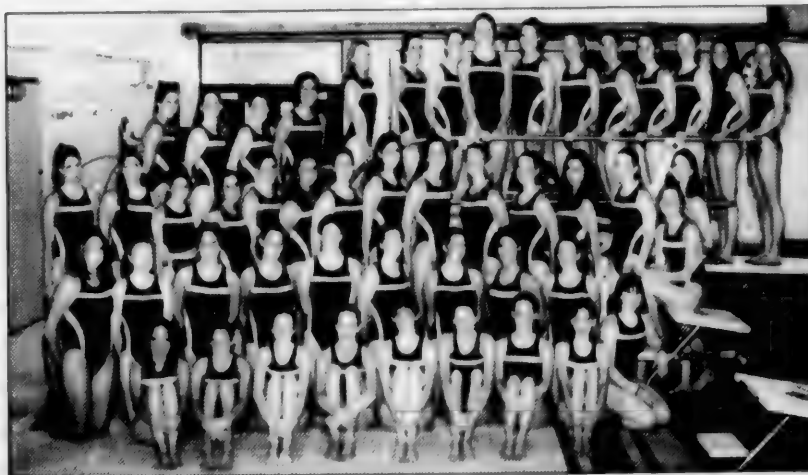
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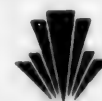
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Arts & Entertainment

AHS Marching Band champs for first time in seven years

By Adam Groff

The members of the Andover High School Marching Band held their collective breath on the afternoon of Nov. 5 as the results of the New England Scholastic Band Association competition in East Boston were announced. "In second place, with a score of 94.1."

"We were expecting it to be us," says co-drum major Matt Cohen. After all, band members had heard Andover's name called out for second place in all four NESBA competitions this year, while East Bridgewater came in first. Continues Cohen, "Then they said East Bridgewater."

That left one other place and one other band, and that was first place for Andover, with a score of 94.3.

"It was a real shock. There

kind of a pause," says Color Guard co-captain Amy Wetter-skog. "Then the screaming started."

Thus ended in victory five months of grueling training for a team that has not won a Division I championship since 1993. Victory was especially sweet for the seniors who had competed for four years. "It was really neat, because all year we were like, 'We can do this, we have the band that can do it this year,'" said drummer Ben Davis.

Co-drum major Rod Day, like Cohen a senior in his fourth year with the band, explained that the band's training program began in June and culminated two weeks before the start of school in what Day refers to as "the infamous band camp."

Of the four days and three



nights of camp he says, "It's fun and pure hell mixed together." On-field practice at Camp Rotary in Boxford ran from 9 a.m. to noon, and then again from 1 to 4 p.m., followed by music rehearsal for the band and more on-field drill for the color guard from 7 to 10 p.m.

Then the school year started, with nearly 10 hours per week of music and marching rehearsal, as well as football games. "It's a strain on the schedule," says Cohen.

The five NESBA competitions began in October and stretched geographically from

◀ Co-drum majors Rod Day (left) and Matt Cohen are among the AHS band members who earned the mark of champions (inset) on their sleeves.

Westbrook, Maine, to New Bedford.

"It's definitely a team sport that requires you to get along with people you might not necessarily like, which is important in life," says Day of the character-building aspects of the marching-band experience. "It's something I would advocate if someone is interested in music and wants to do something more than sit in concert band all day."

The unusual circumstance of the band's having two drum majors this year, says Day, arose because there were no instruments they could spare. Normally, the drum major does not carry his or her instrument, but stands in front of the band and conducts.

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The holidays are upon us

Santa parade steps off this Sunday at 1 p.m.

Andover resident Norma Gammon has been chosen to be the grand marshal of this year's Andover Firefighters Santa Parade. Gammon, a longtime resident of Andover, was selected because of her true community spirit, according to firefighter Jim Landry, organizer of the parade.

Gammon is the community service coordinator at Memorial Hall Library.

Gammon will be joined by hundreds of marchers, bands, antique cars, fire apparatus and Santa. This year's parade kicks off Sunday, Nov. 26 at 1 p.m. The route is Whittier Street, to Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Street, to Bartlet Street. Snow date is Sunday, Dec. 3.

For more information, call Jim Landry at 623-7021.

Brickstone tree lighting is Sunday at 6 p.m.

The annual lighting of "the nation's tallest Christmas tree," located at Brickstone Square in Andover, is Sunday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. The hotline phone is 749-3008.

Barry Burbank of WBZ-TV will flick the switch while the Methuen High School Marching Band will provide the music. Refreshments will be provided.

Santa's Village, also located at Brickstone Square, opens after the tree lighting and will be open until 9 p.m.

The hours for Santa's Village are Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 6 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 24, weather permitting.

Santa's Village includes a carousel, petting zoo, and costumed characters. In addition, the tree is a designated drop-off location for Toys for Tots.

ACA's Holiday Open House is Dec. 8

The Andover Center Association will holding its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Organizers suggest that townspeople kick off their holiday shopping and enjoy refreshments offered by more than 65 downtown Andover businesses.

For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

Life in the local literary lanes

Oprah pick reads Dec. 1 in Andover

On Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., the Andover Bookstore hosts the November Oprah Book Club author, Andre Dubus III, who will read from his book, *House of Sand and Fog*.

Dubus's work has been awarded a Pushcart Prize and was included in the Best American Short Stories of 1994. *House of Sand and Fog* was a 1999 finalist for the National Book Award.

Dubus lives in Newburyport.

For more information, call (800) 491-0143 for details.



Andre Dubus III

Writers Group to meet Nov. 28

The Andover Writers Group will present an evening with Dr. George LeMaitre, vascular surgeon, inventor, and writer on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Memorial Hall Library, upper level.

LeMaitre will present "Ebenezer Scrooge Revisited" and "The Day Santa Claus Quit." The presentation starts at 7 p.m.

LeMaitre will share his experiences with the publication and marketing of his work. He is currently writing a historical novel centered on Pontius Pilate.

The meeting is free and open to all writers.

beginners and experienced, as well as anyone else. For more information, call Henry Everett at 683-5654.

Book discussion group to meet

Stevens Memorial Library is hosting its monthly Book Discussion Group on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. November's selection, *Leaving Small's Hotel* by Eric Kraft, is described by Picador USA as follows: "Small's Hotel, on a little island off Long Island, is where Peter Leroy and his wife, Albertine, have spent most of their adult lives. Albertine is the innkeeper, while Peter works quietly on his memoirs. [Kraft's novel] involves storytelling, friendship, childhood, memory, ghost-writing, real-estate agents, electric contraptions, and great, abiding love."

Light refreshments served. Newcomers welcomed. For more information, call Jill Barker at 688-9505, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover.

Author signing books about the Web

Andover author Eric C. Steinert will sign copies of his new book, *net.people*, on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cullen home, 74 Bartlet St.

Reviewers have called the book a must-read for Web history enthusiasts and cyberbuffs. Another said the book is an insightful look into the lives and sites that are fueling the Web's explosive growth.

For more information, contact Debbie Leary at <dleary@andover.edu>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22
Ecumenical service, sponsored by the Andover Clergy Association, 7:30 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road.

Festival of Trees, \$5, children under 12, free, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., The Red Tavern, 5 Pleasant St., Methuen; 685-8878.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23
THANKSGIVING DAY
Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8

p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24
Home for the Holidays, featuring Jane Vondell and Sharon Fluet, both of Andover, North Regional Theatre Workshop, 8 p.m., \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 children, Wilmington High School, Wilmington; (978) 658-0192, <www.nrtwinc.com>.

Forever Broadway,

doors open 6:30 p.m., \$29.95, Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Rte. 97 Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

Blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by the American Red Cross, Cedardale Health & Fitness, 931 Boston Post Road, Haverhill; (800) 448-3543.

Live comedy, Tony V., 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

McIntire, Greg, 749-4360.
Rodrigues, Teresa, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 22 entry.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25
Swedish Yule Fair, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., free admission, Winthrop School, Bay Road (Rte. 1A) Hamilton; Sue Hess

749-4360.
North Andover Winter Holiday Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Stevens Estate, Osgood Hill, North Andover; Joan Heafey 685-5120.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen, through Dec. 10; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Antiques show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10, sponsored by the Peabody Essex Museum,

O'Keefe Center at Salem State College, 225 Canal St., Salem; (978) 745-9500.

Holiday art show opening, featuring works by several local and New England painters, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; (978) 462-9891.

Live comedy, Tony V., 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road,

Andover; (888) 865-2844.
Live comedy, Tim McIntire, Greg Rodrigues, Teresa Craggan, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 22 entry.

Home for the Holidays, see Nov. 24 entry.

Forever Broadway, see Nov. 24 entry.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26
Santa parade, 1 p.m., sponsored by the Andover firefighters, downtown, (rain date is Sunday, Dec. 3).

Christmas Tree lighting, 6 p.m., Brickstone Square, with Santa's Village opening after the lighting; 749-3008.

Holiday photos with your animal, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Holiday concert, Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras, 3 p.m., \$15, \$10, Boston Symphony Hall, Boston; (617) 353-3359.

Auditions, The Price by the Concord Players, 6 p.m., 51 Walden St., Concord; (978) 369-2990.

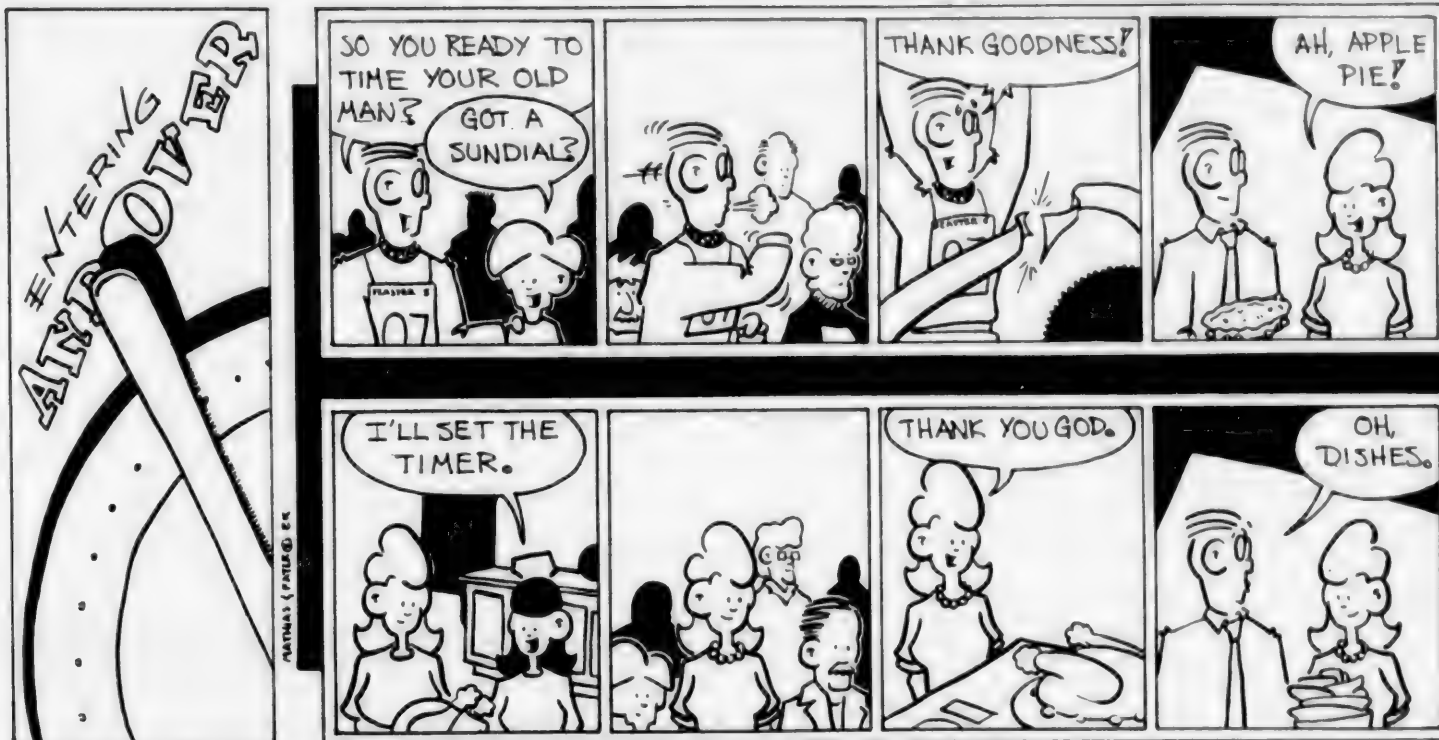
Antiques show, noon-5 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Home for the Holidays, 3 p.m., see Nov. 24 entry.

North Andover Winter Holiday Festival, noon-4 p.m., see Nov. 25

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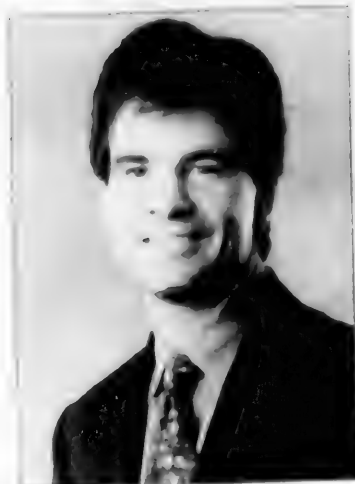
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CALENDAR LISTINGS



Will "INDECISION 2000" be decided by then? George Stephanopoulos, network television political analyst for ABC news programs and former adviser to President Bill Clinton, is scheduled to speak at Merrimack College this Monday, Nov. 27. His Nov. 13 visit was postponed by the cliffhanger presidential election.

entry.
Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices. The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover (888) 865-2844.

Forever Broadway, noon, \$26.95, see Nov. 24 entry.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, see Nov. 25 entry.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

George Stephanopoulos talk (rescheduled from Nov. 13), 7 p.m., \$25, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 837-5117.

Financial aid discussion, for Andover High and Phillips Academy parents, 7 p.m., Collins Center, AHS counseling department, 623-8603.

Health clinic for seniors, 1-2 p.m., Five Circle, sponsored by the Andover Board of Health, 623-8295.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 1-6 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 1-6 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Book discussion, *Leaving Small's Hotel* by Eric Kraft, 7:30 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, conference room, 345 Main St., North Andover, 688-9505.

Andovers Writers Group discussion, featuring Dr. George LeMaitre on *Ebenezer Scrooge Revisited* and *The Day Santa Claus Quit*, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, upper level, Henry Everett 683-5654.

Jazz, the Ray Santisi Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

Joseph Nijima talk by Emi Nakatsukasa, with Japanese buffet, 7 p.m., \$5, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Artist slide-talk with Hollis Heichemer, 7 p.m., McCoy Gallery,

Merrimack College; 837-5189.

Newcomers night for the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 689-9643.

Ghost stories of New England, multimedia program, 7:30 p.m., \$5, \$8 couples, \$2 ages 8-14, Smith Hall at Essex Agricultural School, Rte. 62, Danvers; (978) 777-2711.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 1-6 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Auditions, *The Price, the Concord Players*, 7 p.m., see Nov. 26 entry.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Titanic, Pentucket Players, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; (978) 521-9259.

Holiday craft sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 5, Lawrence; Barbara Brandt-Saret (800) 892-0890.

Live comedy, John Valby, Dr. Dirty, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 1-6 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 1

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Holiday Magic, doors open 6:30 p.m., \$29.95, Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Rte. 97 Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

Santa's Village, 7-9 p.m., Brickstone Square; 749-3008.

Holiday party, with Victorian decorations, 6 p.m., \$40, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 475-2236.

Holly berry Christmas fair, 6-9 p.m., Sacred Heart parish, 321 So. Broadway, Lawrence; 686-9712.

The Velveteen Rabbit, Concord Youth Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$8.50, \$12, 40 Stow St., Concord; (978) 371-1482.

Castle Hill holiday showcase, noon-4 p.m., \$10, \$8 seniors, The Great House, Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Auction, benefits Yankee Clipper Council, 7 p.m., \$15, \$25 couple,

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Living

150 decorated trees help put visitors in the holiday mood

By Judy Wakefield

Andover has its usual presence at one of the most popular holiday events underway this weekend in Methuen.

Three decorated Christmas trees and the holiday archway greeting visitors at the seventh annual Festival of Trees event in Methuen have Andover connections. The event benefits Methuen's Historical Society. Some 150 decorated trees are on display this year and thousands of visitors are expected to see them.

Andover Bank, PAN Communications, the Greater Lawrence Technical School, and teacher and Andover resident Sarah Marcoux make up the "A-team" (A being short for Andover).

Each A-team member agreed that taking part in festival is a lot of work, but it's a great way to kick off the holidays.

"Christmas has always been a huge deal at my house," said Marcoux, who grew up in Methuen and moved to Main Street last year. "I've always gone to the festival and I guess this is my way of giving back something to my hometown."

Her seven-foot tree theme is taken from that holiday classic, "In the meadow we can build a snowman..." Every single ornament is handmade and has something to do with a snowman scene, like the carrot noses and pipes, along with some of the natural elements, including snowflakes and pine cones.

Marcoux, who is a second-grade teacher in Lawrence, said she started working on the tree last July and when a back operation kept her off her



Trees with local roots — Andover is represented by trees from Andover Bank (above left) and resident Sarah Marcoux (right).

feet for the month of September, she stayed busy by making ornaments.

That sense of giving back has also kept Linda Costello involved in the festival for the past few years.

"I see this as a community service project and I believe people need to grasp a hold of and do more when it comes to community service. This is my way of doing that," said Costello, the visual expert on staff at the Tech School, who has been decorating the school's prize-winning trees for the past several years.

She is a special education aide at the school and works weekends as a hair stylist at Point of View in Andover.

She switched gears this holiday season and opted for an archway when she went shopping for this year's tree.

"I wanted to do something

different this year and the archway caught my eye," said Costello, who is also a certified cosmetologist.

She selected the colors purple and green for decorating, and used purple teddy bears, silver stars, and colored lights to decorate the archway that greets thousands of visitors.

For PAN Communications, a public relations company located in Brickstone Square, the yellow brick road was the path to take when it came to decorating their tree.

The good witch Glinda sits atop the tree while all things Oz, like scarecrows, munchkins, and witches with legs sticking out, decorate the tree. There are also lollipops and ruby red slippers and the tree is wrapped in yellow ribbon that looks an awful lot like a yellow brick road.

"Holidays are huge around

GETTING THE SPIRIT

► **What:** The Festival of Trees 2000, a stunning display of 150 decorated Christmas trees.

► **Where:** Red Tavern function facility, 5 Pleasant St., downtown Methuen.

► **Cost:** \$5 admission, children under 12 free.

► **What else:** The Enchanted Forest at the Festival is located at the Masonic Lodge, adjacent to the Tavern while the Tenney Gatehouse, located on Pleasant Street, features a collection of miniature trees.

► **Hours:** Wednesday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

► **Santa visits** the Masonic Lodge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 25.

► **What you need to know:** Visitors can buy a book of raffle tickets and take a chance on their favorite tree. Proceeds help fund the restoration of local historical landmarks in Methuen. Raffle ballot boxes are located under every tree. Winning raffle tickets will be drawn starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25. Winners will be notified and must claim their trees on Sunday, Nov. 26.

► **More info:** Call 685-8878.



Sizing up the competition — Jeff Wright of PAN Communications checks out the Tech School's archway.

here. People always have the spirit," said Amy Courage, chief decorator of PAN's tree.

"We had a decorating committee and took turns shopping for the decorations. We spent one night after work putting glitter on the shoes," she said.

Andover Bank has the spirit, too, as the company is taking part in the festival for the fifth consecutive year. Their tree is decorated around the

theme, "Let it Snow."

"A lot of the trees have very specialized themes. We wanted one that was more general and one that could appeal to anyone," said Marybeth Leary, a marketing representative who works out of the bank's Main Street office in Andover.

She said the festival is a must-go for anyone looking for some holiday spirit. The event promises to satisfy holiday-spirit-seekers of all ages.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service is tonight

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service sponsored by the Andover Clergy Association will be held tonight, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Eve, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road.

Everyone is invited to attend. This event has become a standard in

Andover for many years, according to sponsors of the event.

Temple Sisterhood plans Hanukkah party

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel is holding its annual Hanukkah party Sunday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. The party will feature children's entertain-

ment by Marcus Gale at 1:30 p.m., along with food, face painting, and cookie decorating. The cost is \$10 per family at the door.

For more information call 470-1356.

Christmas Treasures Fair set by St. Augustine School

The St. Augustine School annual Christmas Treasures Fair will be held

Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Augustine School, 26 Central St.

The fair features entertainment by children's singer Ed Morgan, breakfast and pictures with Santa, boxwood trees, gingerbread houses, a children's craft room, paint your own pottery, raffles and more. Santa's Kitchen features food from the Outback restaurant.

Admission to the fair is free.

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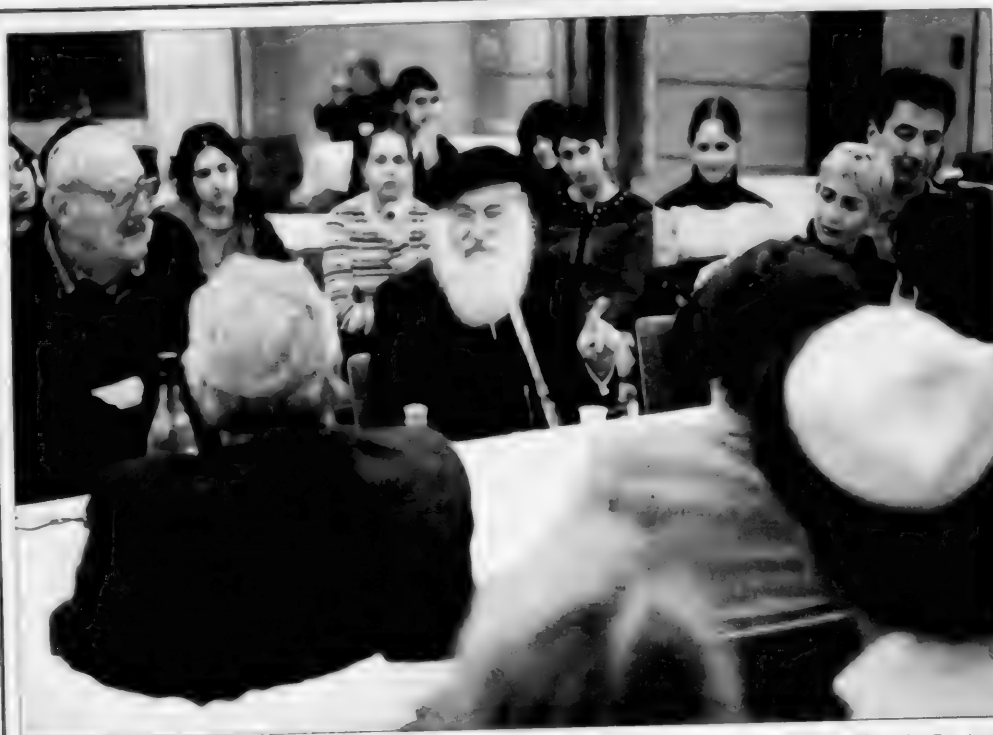


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Stories along the Path — Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley and Temple Emanuel presented "The Path to Kabbalah," described as a thought-provoking weekend with Rabbi Laibl Wolf (center), an expert on Kabbalah, Chassidus, and personal growth. Rabbi Wolf lectured on the topics "Kabbalah Health and Well-Being," Friday, Nov. 17 and "Making Life Work" on Saturday, Nov. 18, at Chabad Lubavitch. Pictured here, "Mystical Songs and Spiritual Tales" were told Saturday, Nov. 18 after a deli supper at Temple Emanuel, and "Developing Self-Mastery" was discussed Sunday, Nov. 19, also at Temple Emanuel.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Zakim remembrance Nov. 30 at Merrimack

Merrimack College and The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, in conjunction with Temple Emanuel of Andover, will recognize the first anniversary celebration and remembrance in gratitude of Lenny Zakim on Thursday, Nov. 30.

Zakim died of cancer on Dec. 2, 1999.

Free and open to the public, this event will celebrate the life, spirit and contributions of Zakim with a will to follow his witness of passion for peace and justice. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Cascia Hall on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover.

Presiders will be Rabbi Samuel Chiel and Bishop William Murphy. Music will include Maestro Joseph Gori, Cantor Donn Rosensweig, John Zannini, Daniel Rosensweig, the Merrimack College Concert Choir and the Haverhill High School Chamber Chorus.

Zakim was a human rights advocate, promoter of inter-religious reverence and founder of Team Harmony, an annual event designed to promote tolerance among teens. He was the executive director of the Anti-Defamation League in New England for 20 years. Gov. Paul Cellucci recently made known his intention to file a bill to name a 180-foot bridge, currently under construction in Boston, the Leonard P. Zakim Freedom Bridge.

The Center for Jewish-Christian Relations was established at Merrimack College in 1995 to teach the history of Jewish-Christian relations; to engage in study and conversation about the religious, ethical and cultural richness of Judaism and Christianity; and to engage in study and conversation about common features of the moral inheritance of Jews and Christians in order to encourage all to compassionate action on behalf of justice and peace. Call 837-5000, Ext. 5428 or 4524.

Toys For Tots spot

Marland Place of Andover, an independent and assisted living community has a designated drop-off spot for Toys For Tots this holiday season. Anyone wishing to donate can bring a new unwrapped toy to 15 Stevens St.

Call 475-4225.

St. Augustine's hosts 6th annual turkey dinner drive — St. Augustine School, along with religious education and youth ministry, has teamed up for the 6th annual turkey dinner drive. With the help of Kathy Blain, Mary DeFrancisco, Mike O'Dea, and many hard-working students, parents and teachers, 350 turkey dinners, complete with all the fixings, were sent to Lazarus House in Lawrence. ▶



Feaster Five

Computer chip on shoelace to record net time

Feaster Five: Andover's road race

By Neil Fater

Like any good Thanksgiving event, each year Andover's Feaster Five seems to add one more side dish to its already impressive spread.

One year, the road race's organizers served up the now incredibly popular apple pies. Another year, world-renown race director Dave McGillivray attracted a host of running celebrities, including Boston Marathon great Johnny Kelley,



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The wheel deal — Former Andover resident Jan MacLaughlan and young Julia returned for the Feaster last year.

Joan Benoit Samuelson and Bill Rodgers.

This year, however, organizers will bring several new entrees to the table.

"I want (runners) to see something different each year, and this year they certainly will," says McGillivray. "But if there's a theme to the race this year, it's certainly 'The Year of the chip.'"

That's because the Feaster Five will use the ChampionChip timing and scoring system for the first time.

Besides receiving bib numbers, the expected 7,500 runners and walkers will be given one computer chip each that they can tie to their sneakers.

Mats placed at the beginning and end of the five-kilometer and five-mile race courses will record participants actual times from starting lines to finish lines.

"I think the end result is a more technically sound event, but that's what it's become. It's not a little, local race anymore — though that's how people view it," says McGillivray. "It's a highly sophisticated event."

"It's not just draw a chalk mark on the road, blow a whistle and go."

The starting line itself proves that. While in the early years, the line was actually drawn with chalk, this year the starting line was painted on North Main Street by Jack Leduc, the same guy who paints the starting line for the Boston Marathon.

Although the Feaster Five has grown in stature during its 13 years, many Andover residents do still view it as a small-town, family event. People of all ages and abilities walk or run one of the adult races. Many come because of the pies, or the T-shirts or the chance to get together with family or neighbors. Hundreds of kids participate in the Kids K race.

McGillivray and the Merrimack Valley Striders, the host racing club, count

on hundreds of volunteers to make the race a success. Seventy people stuffed registration envelopes with bib numbers and chips for eight hours this Sunday.

McGillivray says the chips should cut down on the number of volunteers needed at the finish line. In the past, hundreds of people have had to direct runners through chutes and then record bib numbers and finish times.

"With the chip, you don't need chutes," he says. "As soon as they cross the finish line, the information is collected (electronically). Instantaneously, we have results."

"We had to have about 250 people manning the chutes in years past. Now, theoretically, we need none."

McGillivray also believes that, in time, the newly adopted online registration option will also save work.

But technology isn't the only new aspect to this year's race.

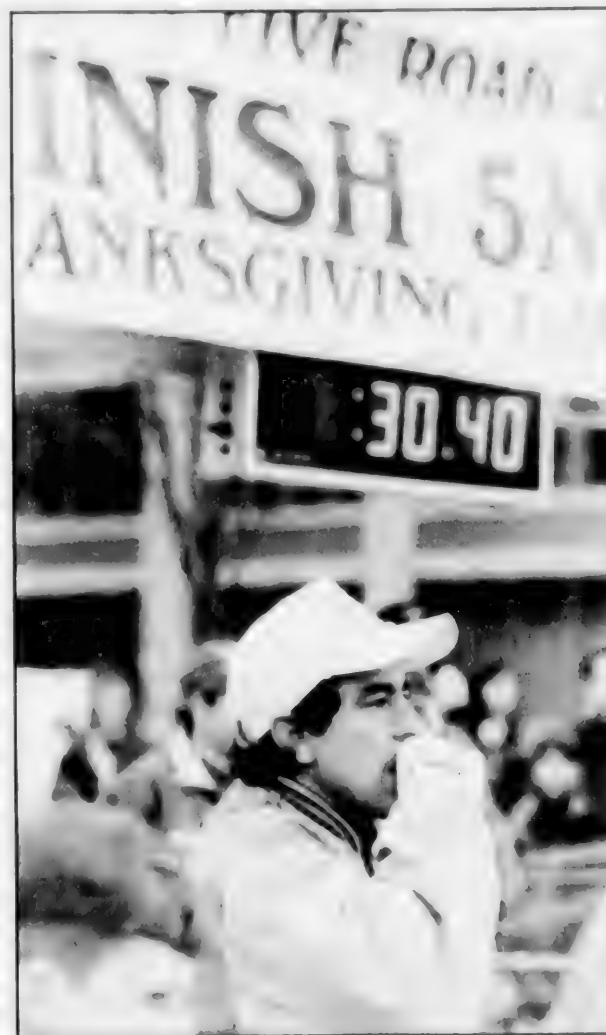
McGillivray was looking Monday for a disc jockey to play tunes along the course and join the Dixieland band that has played for years.

"It's kind of neat to be running by and hear music blaring," he says. "I constantly want to enhance the event, so it's not always considered same-old, same-old but without (scrapping) the tradition, the

pies and the T-shirts."

And the family feel of the race.

"I've seen applications come in for kids and they've probably just started to walk," says McGillivray. "I've had one-year-olds, but their parents carry them the whole way. I've had younger than that be pushed in a carriage."



File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Good-time guy — As director of the Boston Marathon, Dave McGillivray knows how to keep races like the Feaster running smoothly for both serious athletes and strolling families.

Local charities rely on Feaster

By Adam Groff

About three months ago, the refrigeration facility in Lawrence storing between 800 to 1,000 donated turkeys for Lazarus House Ministries lost power. The breakdown was not discovered for several days, and by that time the turkeys, intended for distribution to people in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas, were spoiled. According to Betsy Leeman, director of special events for Lazarus House, as of Monday they have 823 newly donated turkeys, about 320 of them gathered by students at the St. Augustine School in Andover.

Lazarus House relies on this

sort of generosity for its very survival, according to Leeman, and the Feaster Five is a big source of that generosity.

"The donations from the (Merrimack Valley) Striders and individual pledges are what fund us day to day," she says. "We rely on people's goodness."

Lazarus House, a faith-based but privately funded organization in Lawrence providing food, shelter, health care, and job training to the area's poor and disadvantaged, and Home Health VNA, a private non-profit home health agency serving the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire, are

the two beneficiaries of the Feaster Five fundraising efforts. The funds come in two forms: individual runners raise money for the organizations through pledges, and the Merrimack Valley Striders, who put the race together, divide the net proceeds from the entry fees between the two organizations.

For Lazarus House, last year that totaled about \$17,000 in pledges and \$12,000 in race proceeds, and that amount is expected to almost double this year. "We are very fortunate to be named as a beneficiary," says Leeman. She says as much as 95 cents on the dollar goes

(Continued on page 26)



1999 Feaster photo by Carol Van Doren

It takes all species — For many, including the Bunlevy family (of Andover, not the North Pole), the Feaster Five marks the beginning of the holiday season. Lazarus House and Home Health VNA hope the holiday spirit encourages people to enroll in their pledge program.

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easy, "send a card" route, but why not send the perfect gift in the perfect package? It can be quite simple.

There are four basic parts to making the perfect package.

The first step is to choose the right box for shipping. Use a corrugated

cardboard box rather than a two-piece box with a lid. Even though you may have some old boxes in the attic, don't skimp; it may not provide enough protection during shipping. The box should be slightly larger than the items being shipped, which leaves space on all sides to cushion the items against jostling, dropping or damage. And, finally, make sure the box is strong enough and large enough to cushion the material on all sides.

The second step is to protect the contents. If there is more than one fragile item in the box, keep them separate from each other and away from the sides of the box. Use enough cushioning (several inches all around) so that the items don't move when you shake the box. Try cushioning materials with bubble wrap rather than Styrofoam peanuts. The peanuts can be really messy, whereas the bubble wrap is neater and popping it can be lots of fun after unwrapping the gift.

The third step, closing the package and preparing for the post office, is quite simple. Postal carriers will not accept packages sealed with masking tape, electrical tape or cellophane tape. Therefore, you need to close packages with mailing tape – not string or twine or any of the tapes mentioned above. If package contents are

heavy, use filament reinforced strapping tape for extra strength.

And, fourth, make sure to properly label the outside of the package. If you're not using a new box, completely remove or obscure the old address labels or box markings. Using a permanent, water-resistant pen, write the address on a label and place it on the top of the box. If you use a P.O. box or rural address, include the recipient's phone number.

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Kids name the hottest new toys for the holiday season

(Newstream) - The results are in! Kids across the country have voted interactive puppy Poo-Chi "best in show" in the 13th Annual Duracell Ultra Kids' Choice Toy Survey. "Top dog" Poo-Chi, by Tiger Electronics, is an electronic canine companion who uses light, sound and touch sensors to respond to kids' commands. This year, Poo-Chi led a diverse field of challenging toys and games that scored high with kids. The kid-tested, kid-approved Top 10 toys of the 2000 survey are:

1. Poo-Chi (Tiger Electronics)
2. Slithering Jake the RC Snake (Fisher-Price)
3. Championship Challenge (Lego Company)
4. Dragonfly (Toymax)
5. Micro Machines NASCAR Raceway Playset (Hasbro)
6. Max Steel Action Figures (Mattel)
7. Crayola Color Wonder Fun Desk (Binney & Smith)
8. Explorer Globe (Leap Frog)
9. Frigits Deluxe (Think of It!)
10. Feltland Starter House (Small World Toys)

"This year, we've seen an unusually broad spectrum of

toys make it into the Top 10, with kids embracing a variety of toy types and trends," says Julie Creighton, director of the survey. "Although toys like Poo-Chi, Frigits Deluxe and the Explorer Globe all challenge children's minds, other top-ranked toys focus more heavily on physical activity and sports, and still others on imaginative play."

The survey results are based on the votes of more than 400 children, ages 4 to 11, who "play-tested" 22 of the year's new toys and games for a seven-day period. Toy testing was conducted during September at YMCA after-school centers in 15 major cities nationwide. The Top 10 toys represent a range of new non-battery-operated and battery-operated toys from a variety of categories, including arts and crafts, group games and physically active games. Based on individual experiences with each toy, each child chose a first, second and third favorite. The rankings from each child were then compiled to develop the overall Top 10 kids' picks.

Boys will be boys ... and girls will be girls

The year 2000 saw a clear gender divide among the favorites, with the boys' number-one-ranked Championship

Challenge ranking outside of the girls' Top 10.

Toys in the boys' Top 10 that ranked outside of the girls' list of favorites were the Micro Machines NASCAR Raceway Playset and Max Steel Action Figures. Similarly, the Crayola Color Wonder Fun Desk, Feltland Starter House and Explorer Globe all made the overall and girls' Top 10, but ranked outside of the boys' top picks. Poo-Chi, the overall winner, was the number-one-ranked toy among girls, but took sixth place in the boys' list, while Slithering Jake the RC Snake, which ranked second overall, was the only toy to rank in both the boys' and girls' top five.

Each year, hundreds of toys are submitted for inclusion in the Duracell Ultra Kids' Choice Toy Survey. The Duracell Toy Team, a panel that includes an independent toy industry expert, evaluates each toy against strict criteria. All toys that are selected to be "play-tested" must encourage social interaction and creativity, provide long-lasting play appeal, be appropriate for both boys and girls and must not encourage aggressive behavior. Kids test the toys at 15 YMCAs nationwide and vote for their favorites.

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(NAPSA) There are many ways for families to make the holidays more fun and less stressful. Here are some helpful tips for the holiday season:

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- Avoid last year's delivery delays by ordering early from your favorite Web sites.

- Remember to eat healthy snacks of fruits and nuts between holiday errands to give you an extra energy boost.

- Ask for gift receipts from cashiers to allow friends and family to easily return or exchange presents.

- If you're hitting the road during the holidays, let your favorite department stores do the legwork. Shop on the stores' Web sites and have gifts shipped directly to your travel destination; and

- Everyone looks to donate during the holidays, but who can find time? Check out local malls for stores participating in collections



One way to help make the holidays less stressful is to take advantage of gift-wrapping services when doing your holiday shopping.

for charities such as Toys for Tots, letting you complete your holiday shopping and keep the true holiday spirit.

Picture your family enjoying happy new traditions

(NAPSA) - There is no better time of year to capture family memories than the holiday season. The colorful decorating, snowy outdoor scenes and lavish meals all make the perfect backdrop for holiday photos.

In addition to allowing you to capture holiday memories with your family, cameras and photos also make treasured gifts for almost anyone on your list. The experts at Eastman Kodak Company have some ideas for picture-perfect gifts and recommendations on how you can do more with your photos this holiday season.

Use photos and decoupage to personalize the gift-wrapping process this year. Instead of wrapping your friends' and family's gifts in the same generic holiday paper, create your own paper by using fun holiday pictures of yourself and your loved ones. Purchase a plain gift box of any size or shape from your local neighborhood card or gift shop and pick up some decoupage supplies from a craft store. Once you have created the unique work of art, you may find that your decorated gift box has become the present all on its own!

One of the most rewarding pay-offs of holiday gift-giving is when you give a gift that touches someone else's heart. You can easily and affordably create personalized, one-of-a-kind presents by enlarging a favorite photo and presenting it in a decorative frame.

If you are hosting a celebration dinner or a holiday party, a great way to capture your friends and family in the spirit is by handing out one-time-use cameras. Use the

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Car and Driver praised the ML 430 in a way most luxury SUVs would never expect: "quick on its feet" and "fun to drive."

Sometimes, it's all about the possibilities

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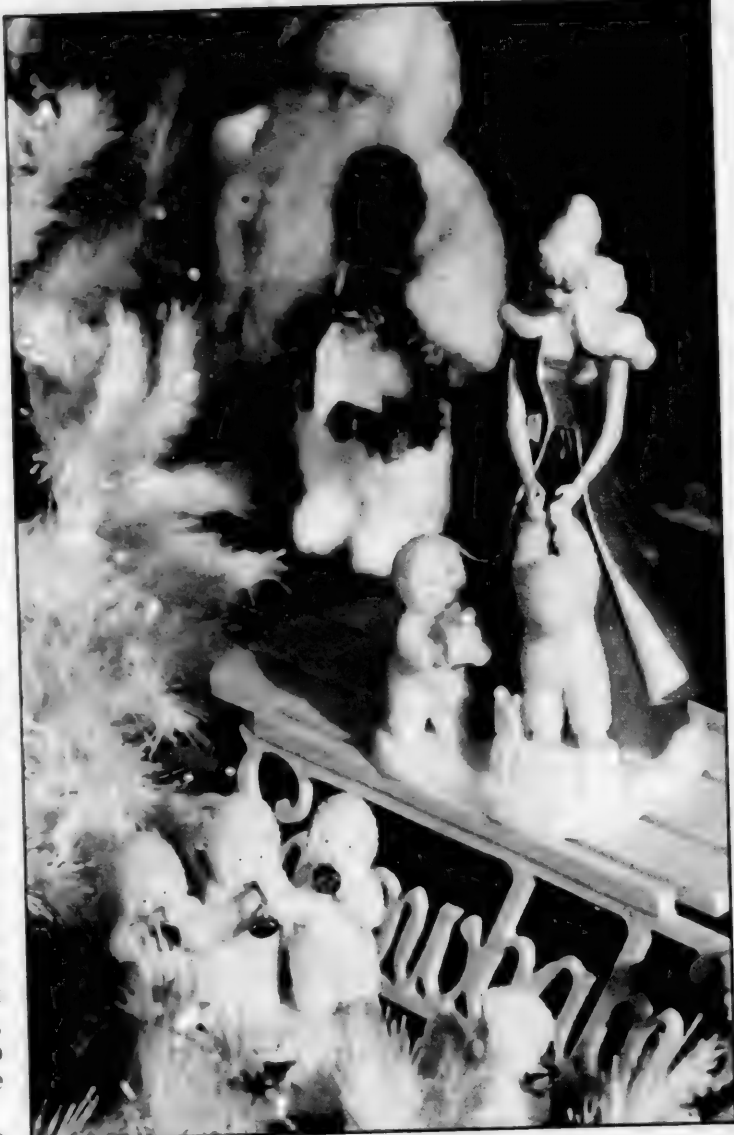
By Eric M. Danis

"It's all part of the fun of Christmastime. I'm one of those rare people who actually enjoy it," Beth Lynehan says of the holiday rush.

The holiday season is now upon us - time to head over to one of the nearby malls in order to buy presents for family and friends. Many of us enjoy the pleasant, holiday appearance of malls and stores, and we also appreciate the chance to leave our house or workplace and observe the generally friendly demeanor of our fellow shoppers. However, don't we also get a little irritated with long lines, short tempers and product shortages? Increasingly, it seems that many shoppers are choosing to avoid some of the holiday frenzy by shopping from the comfort of their homes.

According to statistics from BizRate.com, an Internet marketplace with 19 store categories and more than 1,200 electronic retailers, online sales during the 2000 holiday shopping season are expected to exceed \$6.21 billion dollars. The 2000 AOL/Roper-Starch Cyberstudy found that millions of Internet users are already shopping online every day, and the amount of survey respondents who now say they shop online is double the amount who said they did in 1998.

Online shopping is clearly becoming more popular, not less. However, a recent trip to the



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Nick Dalleva, a 30-year-old Haverhill resident shopping at the mall with his young son, is one of the respondents who states that he will not be using the Internet to buy holiday presents. According to Mr. Dalleva, the mall "is close and convenient."

Mr. Dalleva says that he favors shopping at the mall because he likes being able to immediately end a shopping session with gifts in hand, and he likes to view items in person before making a purchase.

"I just really haven't had the time (for online shopping), with the shipping and everything. Also, I like to see what I'm getting," says Mr. Dalleva.

Beth Lynehan, a Woburn resident, has a different reason for not shopping online.

"I don't have any credit cards, so I can't use the Internet to shop," says Ms. Lynehan.

Ms. Lynehan says she doesn't

mind shopping at the mall during the holiday season. In fact, she says she isn't bothered by lines, crowds or ill-mannered shoppers.

"It's all part of the fun of Christmastime. I'm one of those rare people who actually enjoy it," Ms. Lynehan says of the holiday rush. "Sometimes, I go to the mall just to walk around."

The fear of someone obtaining her credit card information is what prevents Anna Augusta, a 23-year-old from Tewksbury, from shopping online.

"I'm not too keen on putting my credit card information on the Internet," says Ms. Augusta. "I use the Internet for looking stuff up."

Karen, a 27-year-old respondent from Lawrence who doesn't want her last name used, does not plan on doing any holiday shopping via the computer for a different reason than all of the aforementioned ones.

"I have a slow computer and it drives me crazy," she says.

Karen states that if she had a faster computer she would consider using the Internet. However, she has another reason for not shopping online.

"One of the things I don't like

about shopping over the Internet is that if you want to return something it's a hassle," says Karen.

A phobia of large crowds is why Karen's husband shops for at least half of his holiday gifts online. Karen says her husband believes that "sometimes, you can get stuff over the Internet that you can't find at a mall."

Although a large percentage of the people interviewed for this article say they will not use the Internet for holiday shopping, there are some who do plan on shopping online. Mike Carriere, a 40-year-old from Billerica, says that he plans to do approximately half of his holiday shopping online. He says his reasons for shopping online are the quick deliveries and the time that someone with a hectic work schedule can save themselves.

Mr. Carriere is skeptical about not being able to see the items in person that he will be buying online, but, he notes that "if you do some research, you'll be OK."

Nineteen-year-old Lucas Smith from North Andover enjoys shopping at the Rockingham Mall, despite the fact that he classifies himself as a "big online shopper."

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"It's good to get out to the mall and spend time with the people," says Mr. Smith.

One of the reasons why Mr. Smith

shops online is because he finds it difficult to get to the mall.

"I like to shop online, because I'm a college student and it's hard to get to the mall," he says.

Mr. Smith notes that there are some items, such as clothes, that he likes to see in person before purchasing. Other items, such as CDs, he prefers to purchase using the computer.

Although online shopping seems to be rising in popularity nationwide, the craze has apparently not yet caught the attention of many local residents. They state that they like to see a product before buying it, that they are afraid of giving credit card information over the Internet or that they just simply like the holiday spirit of malls. However, some local residents do plan to shop online for the holidays, citing the convenience of shopping any time they wish and the lack of crowds as a big advantage.



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While online shopping can be quick and convenient, many still enjoy seeing the festive holiday decorations in area malls and shops.

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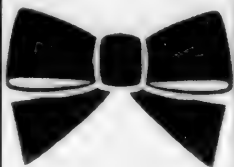
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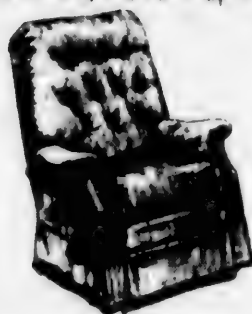


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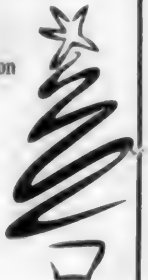
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Are you faced with the quandary of no guest room this holiday season? Or will you have more overnight visitors than your guest room can accommodate?

I've dealt with both situations over the years. In different times, I've used a futon, a pull-down bed unit or a convertible sleeper sofa in just about every possible location—the den, basement play room and living room. But with the addition of a reading lamp, bedside table, lush bedding and extra pillows, my guests feel right at home.

When space is tight, one of my favorites is to include a daybed in the study, den or sitting room. Daybeds work well because they create extra sitting and reading areas when you don't have guests.

Anything from a simple studio bed, converted from a single mattress and box springs on a frame, to a custom daybed with a padded headboard and foot board trans-

lates to a comfortable bed for a guest.

And here's another tip: Shop on Internet and resale shops for custom daybeds. There are some real finds in upholstered or metal headboards if you look. Or, if you have a room with an alcove or nook, consider having the platform built in for a daybed.

My secret to making a daybed comfortable is as easy as including plenty of firm, oversized pillows for reclining and relaxing. Big, square pillows, known as European size, are perfect.

Daybeds also are great in children's rooms or nurseries. Family holidays often include young guests, and it's a good idea to add an extra bed in your child's room.

Another idea is to create a daybed in a child's room by hand painting or stenciling a headboard on the wall.

When space is really tight, remember the futon or convertible sleeper sofa. Such a piece anchors your living room or family room during the day and still welcomes overnight guests.

Futons are manufactured with wood and metal frames at all price points. Futon mattresses also vary in construction quality and comfort. Shop for the frame finish and mattress cover fabric that works with your interior.

Well-made futons are easy to convert, and they are often used in family rooms and playrooms when several guest areas are needed. Even though I have a guest room in my current house, I use a futon as my den (and extra guest space) sofa.

In a more traditional, country- or cottage-style home, a convertible sofa can be the ideal substitute for the conventional living-room sofa. Buy a convertible sofa the same way you do a mattress: Try it out in the store. Unfold the bed and lie down on it. Test out several sofas in different quality ranges.

In addition to construction, note the thickness and firmness of the mattress, which determines how comfortable the bed will be. Choose other furnishings, such as the coffee table, that can be moved

with ease if your sofa is fairly frequently used by guests. Or, substitute a lightweight wicker or wood trunk in place of a coffee table that your guest can use for storage. Include a small table and lamp for reading.

Remember the basics and cover the mattress with a thick, quilted pad before making the bed. Guests appreciate an extra blanket, oversized pillows for reading and relaxing and a soft coverlet or throw.

For the ultimate instant guest room, install a pull-down bed. Such beds, which are sold alone or as part of modular units, offer guests the comforts of a standard mattress because the mattress doesn't have to be pliable enough to fold. When the bed is stored away, tucked-in linens can be left in place.

For decorating options, hang a print or poster above the bed. Or, if you are having custom cabinetry designed and installed, consider having narrow shelves built above or on the sides of the bed for necessities such as an alarm

clock and a reading lamp.

Possible locations for a pull-down bed are a home office, a family room or a playroom. The bed could be positioned between bookcases.

If you need more than one guest room during busy holiday times, one or more fold-down beds can be a cost-effective solution to a short-term space crunch. Check with an architect, remodeling contractor or interior designer in your area for a local source and installer.

When space is tight, little extras count in making your guests feel welcome. Include a small, empty chest that can double as a nightstand. And, add an alarm clock, reading material and water carafe. If possible, make sure the designated space has a radio, small television and telephone. Purchase a hotel-style, fold-up luggage rack to store in a closet. Arrange fresh flowers in a vase at the bedside table. Emulate upscale hotels with a turndown service featuring candy or cookies on a pretty plate.

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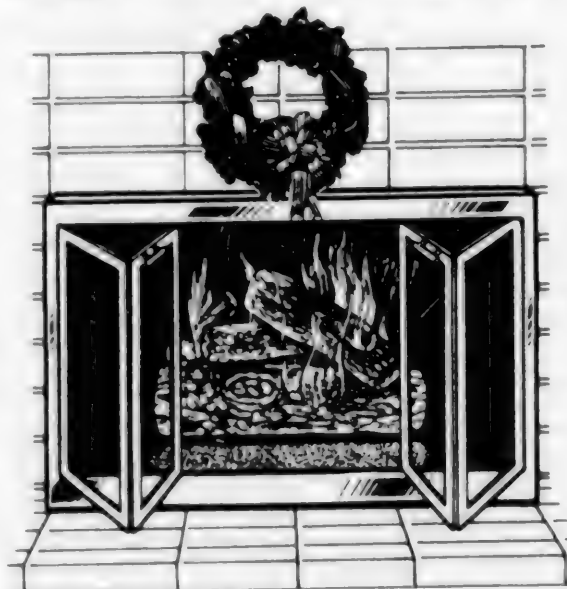
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So, what should a conscientious parent look for when choosing high-quality, fun video games for their children sans the gore and violence?

The National Institute on Media and Family suggests parents use ratings, which many retailers require publishers to put on their packaging. Most video games are rated by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board and run the gamut from "EC" (Early Childhood), appropriate for kids over 3 years old, to "A" (Adult only), for adults over 18.

"Games don't have to be violent to be fun," says Vincent Bitetti, chief executive officer of Sound Source Interactive, a maker of video games. "As parents ourselves, we enjoy creating kid's games that pique their curiosity, stimulate their creativity and challenge their minds."



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Online holiday shopping revenues are expected to reach \$12.5 billion this year

(Newstream) - U.S. consumers will spend \$12.5 billion online during this year's fourth quarter holiday season, a 71 percent increase from 1999's holiday total of \$7.3 billion, according to eMarketer, a provider of Internet statistics. Total annual U.S. consumer e-commerce revenues are projected to rise to \$37 billion by year-end 2000.

"A 71 percent boost over last year is certainly respectable, but we are done seeing growth rates in the 100 percent to 200 percent range," says Geoffrey Ramsey of eMarketer.

New online shoppers

During the fourth quarter, 5.8 million Internet users will make their very first purchase over the Web. As a group, the new buyers will represent 13 percent of the nearly 45 million online buyers in the fourth quarter.

On average, e-consumers will spend \$280 online, or a little over one-fifth of their total holiday spending. In contrast, the average online expenditure during fourth quarter 1999 was only \$215. Experienced buyers

will drive the average expenditure up, while "newbies" will push it down.

"These newbies will be enticed to buy online for the convenience advantages of the Web - like not having to deal with crowds, traffic and long lines," adds Mr. Ramsey. "Also, there's a lot of pressure not to be the last person in America to purchase over the Web!"

In addition, eMarketer reports that experienced buyers will come back to the Web in droves, and most will increase their spending. Despite the hiccups in service and delivery problems reported last year, 78 percent of holiday shoppers in 1999 were generally satisfied with their online buying experiences. But, even those who experienced horror stories - and vowed never again to return to the offending site - did not give up on the Web altogether.

According to Mr. Ramsey, comparing \$12.5 billion in online sales with anticipated total retail sales of \$858 billion for the quarter yields a paltry share of 1.5 percent.

"Clearly, the Web has a long way to go before it captures a significant portion of the total retail pie," says Mr. Ramsey.

Service is key

In the coming quarter, eMarketer expects that service online will improve significantly over last year (in 1999, eMarketer gave e-merchants an overall grade of B-).

"Remembering last year, e-retailers are determined to avoid making the same mistakes as they prepare for this holiday shopping season," says Mr. Ramsey.

The biggest problems last year were, in order of customer frustration level:

- Out-of-stock merchandise;
 - Late (or no) delivery;
 - Poor Web site performance and navigation; and
 - Outrageous or disguised shipping rates.
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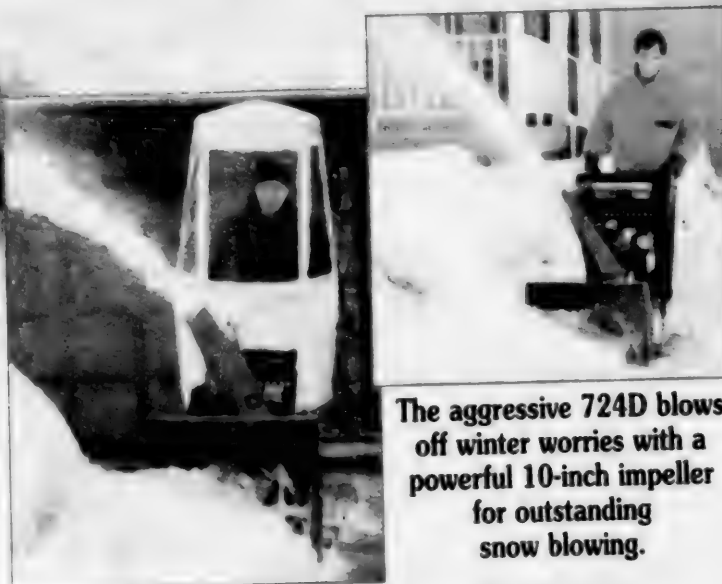
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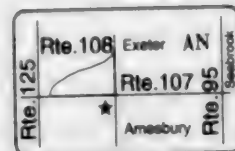


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Runners get on board the training run

By Rebecca Piro

It's early morning, and Feaster Five runners are assembling in the frosty air on Main Street, minutes before the race. Jumping up and down to warm themselves, beating their hands together to keep feeling in their fingers, they wait for the signal — and they're off, half the pack going one way... and half going the other.

What gives?



Photo by Tim Jean

Bent on success— Maureen Zdinak stretches after her final Saturday training run.

Well, this is a Feaster Five training run, an event that's just as much a tradition as the five-mile marathon itself. Though it attracts far fewer people than the real Feaster Five's starting line, at least 15 to 20 people will gather on any given Saturday outside the Athlete's Corner, to train for the race, or simply get some morning exercise.

Athlete's Corner manager Jack Norton opens the Main Street store every Saturday morning by 8 a.m. for runners who want to warm up.

"(This tradition) started six years ago," Norton says. "People said, 'Gee, wouldn't it be a good idea to get (runners) out here, so they can learn the (Feaster Five) course.' Then the Saturday after Thanksgiving, people still kept coming."

The Feaster Five actually has two routes: a five-kilometer route that starts on Main Street and loops back by Elm and High streets to end in the Brickstone Square parking lot, and a five-mile course that extends up to Morton Street before winding back through side streets, also ending off York Street, in the Brickstone Square lot.

Runners that show up at the Athlete's Corner do both routes, and sometimes run their own, Norton says. And these runners are dedicated.

"They'll show up in any kind of weather," he says.

Eight o'clock isn't early enough for everybody. Long before the majority of the runners gather at Athlete's Corner for the morning run, at least three or four other runners are already warming down from the six or seven miles they just finished.

"This morning was late," says runner Jim Kapelson of Lovejoy Road. He is standing outside Athlete's Corner with three friends, all of whom have just come down Elm Street, finishing their morning run.

"We got up at 7. Normally, we get up at 6," he adds.

These four are not running in the Feaster Five, but they are contributing in other ways. After the morning run, all four men will help stuff packets for Feaster Five participants.

"I think (we run) for fun, for health. To stave off old age," laughs Kapelson.

Charlie Farrington, a Methuen resident, ran the Feaster Five last year. While he won't be running in the race this Thanksgiving, he will be working on the sidelines. Yet he still shows up for the Saturday morning trainings.

"It's an event. It's more of a social thing," he says.

Most of the Saturday morning runners belong to the Merrimack Valley Striders, a formal running club. But the training sessions are for anyone who enjoys running, says Farrington.

"(The participants) are at all different levels," he says. "There are people that run a five-minute-mile pace, and people that run a 12-minute pace. But they have one thing in common — they all like to run."

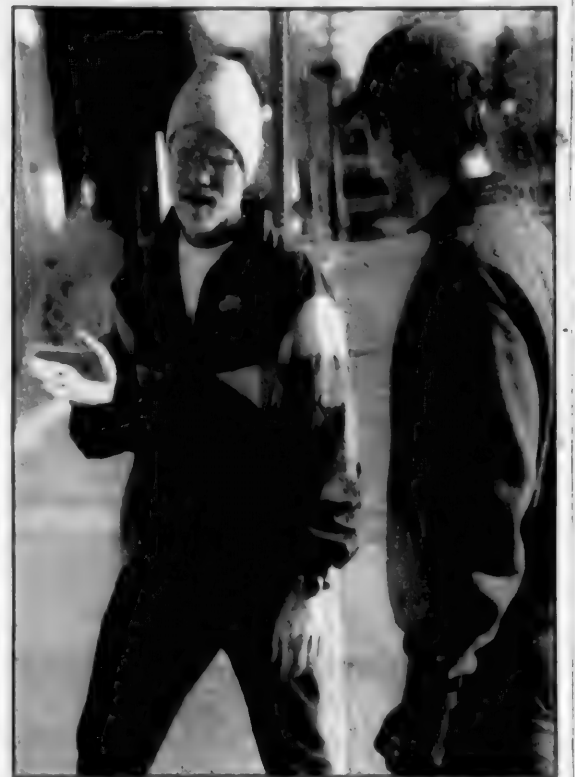


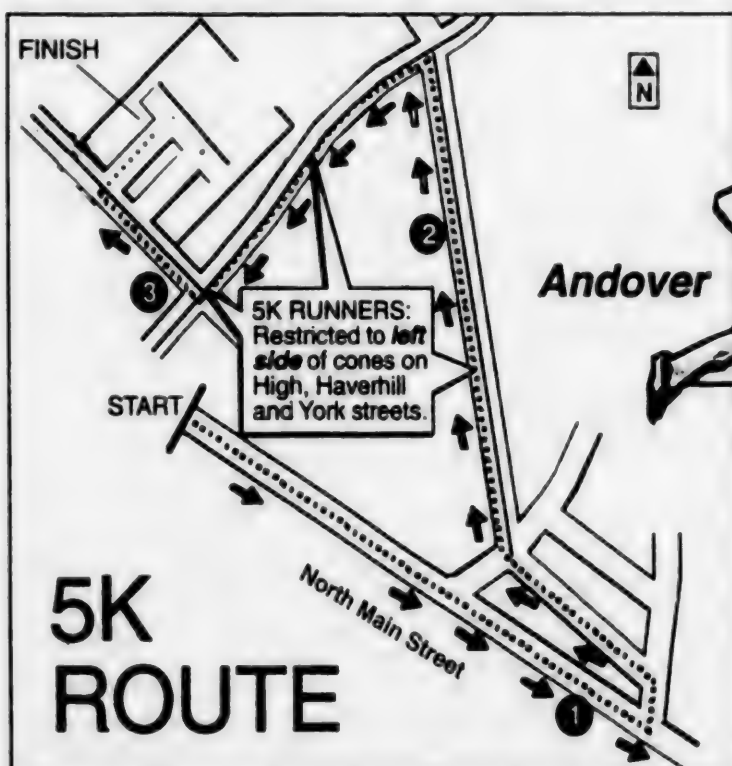
Photo by Tim Jean

Town planner — Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski was among those planning for a strong showing by training for the Feaster Five on Saturday morning.

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At the 1999 Feaster Five, Jack Christoforo checked out his pie after the race, while Evan Price (at right) watched. Both boys are from Andover. The photo was taken by Carol Van Doren. Each year, 7,000 or more pies are given to Feaster Five participants, walkers and serious runners alike.

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Charity on day of thanks

directly to their programs.

Lazarus House runs a homeless shelter with 31 beds and seven cribs, with separate rooms for men, women, and families. Within three days of entering the shelter, occupants must demonstrate that they are doing something to try to better themselves, such as working or looking for a job, says Leeman. They must also agree to abide by house rules and to work with an advocate.

These requirements are reevaluated every three days to ensure

that people receiving aid from Lazarus House are moving toward becoming independent again. This is in keeping with its principle of providing "a hand up, not a hand out," says Leeman.

Lazarus House runs the Good Shepherd Center Soup Kitchen in Lawrence, which also houses one of the group's three thrift stores, as well as a job-training and day-care center. Two "AIDS residences," Corpus Christi and Bethany House, are also under the Lazarus House umbrella of outreach. All this happens on a shoe-string bud-

get of \$1.8 million a year, says Leeman, and the dire need for funds is constant. According to Leeman, it costs \$4,600 a day just to operate a shelter; \$625 a week to provide medical transportation for occupants of the AIDS residences; and \$1,000 to fund one three-month job-training course for six adults. Lazarus House also employs a very small paid staff.

Leeman herself usually runs in the Feaster Five, as do a few others on the staff, but unlike many other runners, the race isn't the most important thing outside their own families on that day. "The big thing for us on Thanksgiving Day is to feed the people in the community who need it," she says.

The mission of Home Health Visiting Nurse Association is to deliver home health care to area residents who often can't afford to pay for it. The group's pedigree dates back to 1895, when it was formed to provide health care to mill-working families. The Feaster Five is a major fall fundraiser for the VNA, according to Karen Walsh, a registered nurse and liaison manager with the organization. She says there are frequent shortfalls in its budget, especially because of recent decreases in reimbursement from insurers caused by changes in Medicare. "This fundraising event enables us to continue our mission when we might not otherwise be able to," she says.

That mission includes delivering skilled nursing services, rehabilitation services, maternal and child health care, mental-health services, and home-care aides throughout the region. The group's largest budget shortfalls occur because of what community services

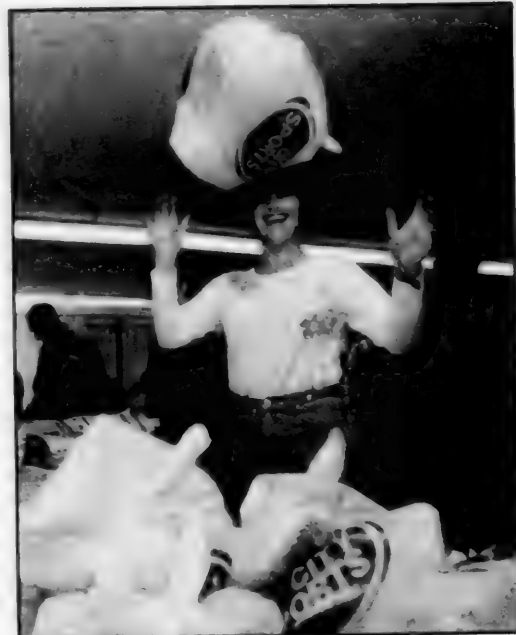


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Dolly Lemoine was among the 70 volunteers who helped stuff bags on Saturday for the Merrimack Valley Striders, in preparation for the Thanksgiving race.

manager Ann Hebert calls "free care," or services provided to people who have no money to pay for them.

"We are just not in the business of saying 'No,'" she says. "We're in the business of finding a way. This helps," she says of funds provided by the race.

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Professional Profile

**Attorney John J. Harding**

John J. Harding is a general practice attorney concentrating in civil and criminal litigation, family law, and wills and estate planning. Attorney Harding is a former U. S. Marine Judge Advocate. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps upon graduation from Norwich University in Vermont. After earning his law degree, he practiced for five years in the Marine Corps as a civil law attorney, an estate planner, and as a prosecutor, where he tried hundreds of cases. He then worked for several months at a large Boston law firm, before trading its security for the challenge and excitement of having his own law office.

Attorney Harding brings to his

private practice the high standards and strong values which distinguished his career in the Marine Corps. He zealously represents his clients, doing everything in his power to achieve a just conclusion to each case. His Marine Corps background with its steeped traditions and heritage, coupled with Attorney Harding's deep and profound compassion and pride, drive him to go above and beyond the call of duty for all of his clients. At the same time, he maintains a high level of professionalism and civility.

Attorney Harding's commitment to civic service continues in his private life. He serves as an Infantry Captain in the Marine Corps Reserves and

enjoys teaching CCD at St. Dorothy's Church in his native Wilmington. Attorney Harding also attends St. Augustine's Church in Andover. He continually strives to lead an inspirational and a positive life by balancing his legal pursuits with his training at the YMCA and with the Merrimack Valley Striders for such events as the Boston Marathon and triathlon competition.

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OBITUARIES

Mary C. Tinkham Formerly of North Andover

Mary C. (Hanover) Tinkham, 84, formerly of North Andover, died Friday, Nov. 17 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Haverhill, she graduated from St. James High School.

She was a member of 65+ Elderly of Greater Lawrence. She attended St. Michael's Church in North Andover.

She was the widow of David M. Tinkham.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Daniel F. Glynn of North Andover; two sons and daughters-in-law, David

and Sally Tinkham of Amesbury and Lawrence and Marvann Tinkham, of Acton, Maine; a sister, Margaret King of Bradford; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Ida M. Coppeta Family also lives here

Ida M. Coppeta, 85, of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 17 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of her family include her sisters, Anna Coppeta, Edna Copetta and Marianne Brainerd, all of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

Juan Torres Longtime Jehovah's Witness

Juan Torres, 61, of Andover, died Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born and educated in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Torres was a Jehovah's Witness. His 33-year ministry brought him to Lawrence, Worcester, New York, Texas, and California, before he completed his service in Lawrence.

He was a member of the Kingdom

Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Essex Street Salon del Reino, in Lawrence.

Members of his family include his wife, Rosa Torres; sons and daughters-in-law, Jose and Elizabeth Torres of North Andover, Johnny and Sara Torres of San Diego, Calif., and Eric and Lourdes Torres of Worcester; six grandchildren; and brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico.

Arrangements were by Farrah Funeral Home, 170 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

Reenie Szafarz Business owner, active in community service

Reenie (Rubin) Szafarz, 51, of Andover, died Monday, Nov. 20 at home.

Mrs. Szafarz was a nurse at New England Medical Center and was a nursing teacher in Hartford, Conn. More recently, she ran the Old Time Photo Emporium at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, N.H.

She graduated from Northeastern University.

Mrs. Szafarz was active in community services in the area. She helped with fund-raising for a variety of events, including Penguin Park and South School. She sang in the Andover Choral Society.

Members of her family include her husband, Cort Szafarz; a daughter, Jesse Szafarz and a son, David Szafarz, all of Andover; a sister, Marge Rubin of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours.

A service was scheduled to be held

OBITUARIES

Ida M. Coppeta, 85
Evangeline F. V. Merriam, 85
Christopher L. Muller Jr., 60
Mary C. Tinkham, 84
Reenie Szafarz, 51
Juan Torres, 61

Late Deaths

MERRIAM - Evangeline F. "Litza" Vardavoulis Merriam, 85, of Owls Head, Maine, died Sunday, Nov. 19 at home.

Mrs. Merriam was married to Donald E. Merriam, who served as the head of the Spanish department at Phillips Academy. The couple moved to Andover in 1955 and Mrs. Merriam, who was fluent in seven languages, served as director of the Language Laboratory at Phillips. She continued that job until her husband died in 1965. She then retired, and returned to Maine.

A service was to be held today, Wednesday, Nov. 22, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, White Street, Rockland, Maine. Arrangements are by Burpee-Strong Funeral Home, 110 Limerick St., Rockland, ME 04841.

Deaths Elsewhere

MULLER - Christopher L. Muller Jr., 60, of Atkinson, N.H., died Saturday, Nov. 18 at his home.

Mr. Muller was a police officer in Haverhill. Members of his family include his stepmother, Adeline Muller, and his sister, Charlene Muller, both of Andover.

today, Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are by Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading.

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Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's Comedy Wedding, 7 p.m., Johnny Pizzi, 9 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Mike Fahey, Walter Dixon, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm,

1-6 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Titanic, see Nov. 30 entry.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Christmas Treasures fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Augustine School, 26 Central St.; 470-3944.

A Celebration of Christmas, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 475-0529.

Brunch & Browse, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.; 475-0166.

Nutcracker, Albany Berkshire Ballet, 3, 7 p.m., Collins Center; (800) 476-6964.

Red Bow Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Parish Church, Olde Center, North Andover; 475-4515.

Workshop on how to publish, distribute

your own book, 11 a.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Holiday concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 8 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors, Central Congregational Church, Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; (888) CHORUS-1.

Live comedy, John Valby, Dr. Dirty, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Holiday Magic, see Dec. 1 entry.

Santa's Village, 6-9 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.

Titanic, 2 p.m., see Nov. 30 entry.

Holly berry Christmas fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.

The Velveteen Rabbit, 2:30 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.

Castle Hill holiday showcase, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Nutcracker, Albany Berkshire Ballet, 1 p.m., see Dec. 2 entry.

Concert, Essex Chamber Music Players, 4 p.m., \$8, \$5 students, seniors, Bentley Library, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; (978) 556-3413.

Cookie walk, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., \$5 per pound, St. Michael School, Main Street, North Andover; Robin Field 681-0673.

Open house, for junior high/middle school students, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; (978) 774-6727, Ext. 303.

Concert, Advent Lessons and Carols, 4 p.m., free, St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester; (978) 283-1708.

Holiday Open House with Anne Bradstreet, 2-5 p.m., free, Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

Holiday concert, Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 4 p.m., see Dec. 2 entry.

Santa's Village, 6-9 p.m., see Dec. 1 entry.

As part of its ongoing cultural events series, Northern Essex Community College will host the Essex Chamber Music Players in concert Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. Performers will include Raphael Popper-Kaiser, cello, Andover resident Michael Finegold, flute (on the left), and David Pihl, piano (right). ▶



NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Supper Club: Our next supper club will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 when we will travel to "The Common Man" restaurant in Windham, N.H. Cost is \$25 per person which includes meal, gratuity, and transportation from the center. Menu selections are available at the center. Supper club is open to regulars, newcomers, singles, and couples. We welcome you to join in at any time.

Wanted: We are looking for donations of the following for our Dec. 15 sale: Bags of non-pareils, gumdrops, Chiclets, and red and white peppermints. We would also be grateful for donations of Pillsbury or

Betty Crocker bread mixes and disposable tins as well as baskets for crafts. We appreciate your generosity.

Lock Monsters Hockey Game: The men's group will sponsor a trip to Lowell to enjoy watching the Lock Monsters take on the Kentucky Thoroughblades on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Reservations are \$18, which includes ticket and bus transportation from the center. Please stop into the center if you are interested in traveling.

Germany Christmas Coffee: We invite you to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. for a German Christmas Coffee. We will learn about German Christmas traditions, holiday carols, and sample some seasonal sweets. Tickets are \$2.

Holiday Concert & Egg Nog Social:

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. for a holiday concert and egg nog social. Come enjoy some seasonal favorites as performed by the center's "Sunrise Singers," the Bishop Fenwick High School concert choir, and the Free Christian Church hand bell choir. Tickets are \$3 and currently on sale at the center on an advance purchase basis only.

Feliz Navidad Festival: The center's Spanish class is sponsoring a Feliz Navidad Festival on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. tickets are \$9 and the event

includes a full traditional Latin American dinner, music, and displays. This will be a lively cultural event.

Make-up Flu Clinic: The Board of Health will conduct a makeup flu shot clinic at the senior center at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27 for any seniors who missed the first clinic. Forms are available at the center. Anyone with questions should call the board of health at 623-8299.

Newcomers Informational Coffee Hour: The next newcomers' informational coffee hour will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone desiring more information

about programs, services, trips, activities, or classes at the center, is welcome to attend.

Winter Semester Registration: Registration for the winter semester of exercise classes will take place the week of Nov. 27. Please plan to drop by the center during the above time if you are interested in any of the following classes: Yoga, women's strength training, line dance, tai chi, water workout, men's exercise, or low-impact aerobics.

Holiday Luncheon and Entertainment: Tickets are now on sale for the center's holiday luncheon and party scheduled for

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at noon. Cost is \$3.50; tickets are limited.

Poinsettia,

Crafts, & Bake Sale: Our annual poinsettia sale will be held Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will feature a wonderful array of holiday plants, Christmas crafts, and bake table including gingerbread houses. Donations of baked goods

would be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to stop by and support the sale.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group, which is open to all computer users, will hold their next meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the drop-in center. Anyone who is interested may just come by.

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Business

Business briefs...

Franzese joins Merrimack

Kathleen Enos Franzese has joined Merrimack College as its new director of marketing and external relations in its public relations office.



Kathleen Enos Franzese

A lifelong Andover resident, Franzese has more than 15 years of experience in marketing communications and public relations. Franzese most recently served as manager of public affairs and marketing for Hallmark Health Systems, a four-hospital system in Malden. Prior to that, she was manager of public relations at Melrose Wakefield Hospital in Melrose and at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford.

Registration for Sandor

Sandor Manufacturing Inc. of Lawrence has successfully received their ISO-9002 registration. Andover resident Joe Pedulla, is owner and president of Sandor Manufacturing.

Sandor Manufacturing services the communication, electronics, aerospace, heavy machinery, and military industries with precision engineered parts from prototype to large-production quantities.

ADD discussion

Ned Hallowell, director of the Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health, which recently expanded to 21 Central St., Andover, will be at Austin Preparatory School in Reading on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. to speak on attention deficit disorder and anxiety.

The lecture will be open to the public and will include a 30-minute question-and-answer session. Hallowell is the author of eight books, including *Driven to Distraction*, *When You Worry About the Child You Love*, and *Connect*.



Ned Hallowell

Marland co.'s growth spurt

Newton Senior Living of Needham, owner and operator of Marland Place, Assisted Living in Andover, has received a \$30-million private-equity investment from Itochu International Inc.

The \$10-million first stage reportedly will provide operating capital for the company as well as equity for Newton's current facility development schedule. Newton owns and operates 10 facilities in New England and another 14 are under development.

Wilmington firm relocates to former Vicor site

Tensolite moves to larger Andover facility

By Adam Groff

Twenty-three Frontage Road, former home of Vicor Inc., has a new tenant. Tensolite Corp. Tensolite held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday, attended by about 125 employees in a festive mood.

The high-performance cable manufacturer is not a newcomer to the region, having relocated from a smaller facility on Ballardvale Street in Wilmington.

Tensolite is renting 23 Frontage Road from Frontage Road Realty Trust, which was represented at the ceremony by trustee Paul Bruk. "I'm very pleased to have them as a tenant," he said. "They're going to be a great company."

Tensolite began in 1940 in upstate New York, and in 1951 workers say it became the first company to use nickel-plated copper as the conductor in high-temperature insulated wire and cable. In 1959 it became a subsidiary of Carlisle Corp., and today it has five facilities in the United States and Mexico employing more than 700 people. Its corporate offices are in St. Augustine, Fla.

The Andover facility comprises Tensolite RF Microwave Division, formerly Quality Microwave Interconnects, which specializes in designing and manufacturing high-performance coaxial connector and cable assemblies for the telecommunications and computer industries, as well as for test and measurement, radar, and missile systems.

"We're very excited about this



Photo by Tim Jean

Addressing the troops - General Manager Don Cook speaks with employees Friday at the opening of Tensolite's new Andover site.

operation," said company president John Berlin in a statement about the Andover move. "The commitment to the new building expresses our confidence in the future of this operation, and we expect to be here for a long time. Tensolite is very excited to be a part of the Andover community."

Joseph Bevilacqua, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce president, was on hand to provide the oversized wooden scissors for the occasion. The ribbon was "cut" by Donald Cook, the general manager of the new facility.

"These are exciting times for Tensolite, having diverse products, a growing market, and a wide range of customers," said Cook. "We have an opportunity to grow and excel."



Photo by Tim Jean

Cut-up - Donna Bornstein, controller; Don Cook, general manager and Dave Calvetti, production manager, share a laugh at the ribbon cutting.

Philips buys Agilent's HSG for \$1.7 billion

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"It's very positive. It's attaching our business to another world-class medical device company," says Steve Ruscowski, senior vice president and general manager of Agilent's HSG, of the deal. "We'll continue to do what we do today, but within Philips."

Ruscowski, of Andover, will become the CEO of the new business division.

He says the reaction from employees was highly positive. Part of the reason for that is that the purchase of HSG by Philips, a Netherlands-based company, puts an end to Agilent's plan to consolidate its manufacturing operations into a few locations. This move was set to move about 200 manufacturing jobs from HSG's Andover facility to a facility in Singapore.

"At this point there are no plans to move anything out of Andover," he says.

The agreement with Philips developed during the last few months, says Ruscowski.

"We didn't have serious discussions with Philips until mid-summer," he says. "We've been working with Philips over the years in a number of group ventures. Strategically, we thought both companies would work well together."

"The health-care marketplace is going through significant consolidation. In order to remain competitive we needed to increase our size."

As part of the sale, Philips will buy the 110 acres and 743,000 square foot facility in Andover currently owned by Agilent.

Andover planning director Steve Colyer says the sale is a positive one for Andover because it will cause fewer waves in the local economy than the movement of 200 or more jobs.

According to the companies, the

purchase of HSG will allow Philips Medical Systems to extend its scope and enter into new medical markets.

Cor Boonstra, president and CEO of Royal Philips Electronics, said in a release, "After the completion of this transaction, we will have invested over \$4 billion in our Medical Systems business over the past two years, which gives us a very solid position in the industry."

Agilent officials say the decision benefits both companies.

"We believed we had to offer a broader range of solutions, and that required substantial investment," said Ned Barnholt, Agilent president and CEO. "We realized we either had to make a commitment to invest heavily in HSG's future, or sell the unit to a company with a complementary business and a commitment to invest in the ongoing success of the businesses."

Sports

Warriors have a make-or-break game on Thanksgiving Day

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity football team could put an impressive exclamation point at the end of its 2000 season with a victory over Central Catholic in their annual Thanksgiving Day finale Thursday morning at Lovely Field.

Kickoff time is 10:30 a.m. which allows people to attend both the early-morning Feaster Five Road Race and the football game.

One month ago even the staunchest Golden Warriors' supporter would not have given the locals much chance against Central.

But, after losing their first five games against a string of tough opponents, head coach Ken Maglio's young team hit its stride and has registered a 2-1-1 record over the past four games.

The defense has tightened considerably, yielding only 42 points over the recent stretch, and the offense has improved behind the strong running of top scorer Chris Callison and Bruce Brown.

Callison has five touchdowns (30 points) and close to 500 yards rushing, while Brown boasts 18 points.

Linebacker Sean Smith, nose guard Andy Gallagher, end Kyle Miller, and end Capt. Jon Maloney and free safety Brown are defensive standouts.

Sophomore Russell Stevens and senior Capt. Andy Yurko are two-way starters in the line.

"This is a whole new season for us," said Maglio. "This could make or break our season."

This is THE game.

"Central usually tries to run at you and wear you down," added the AHS coach. "Most teams will play well for about a half and then they run out of gas."

"I think we can match up defensively. I just hope we can do something on offense."

Central will definitely not be a pushover, as the Red Raiders enter with a 7-2 overall record and 6-1 mark for second place in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Raiders' hopes for a conference title and Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl berth on Dec. 2 were shattered

in a 16-14 loss to Chelmsford two weeks ago.

Central outplayed the Lions everywhere but on the scoreboard, and when undefeated Chelmsford won that game and then belted Dracut 34-12 last weekend the Lions nailed down the title and Bowl bid.

Central's 1-2 offensive punch consists of running backs Darren Shaw and Aaron LaCharite.

Shaw leads the team in scoring with 74 points and he has 847 yards rushing on 97 carries (8.7 average gain). LaCharite, who scored three touchdowns and 20 total points in a 28-12 win over Methuen last weekend, has 58 points and 450 yards on 77

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THANKSGIVING DAY GAME

► CENTRAL CATHOLIC at ANDOVER

► Thursday, Nov. 23

► Lovely Field, 10:30 a.m.

SCORING

ANDOVER (9 games)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Chris Callison	5	0	30
Bruce Brown	2	0	12
Adam Martel	0	9	9
Shahriar Ghandchi	1	0	6
Jon Maloney	1	0	6
Brendan Smith	1	0	6
Jason White	1	0	6
Jason Crabb	0	2	2

TD Passes: Brendan Smith 2.

TD Receptions: Chris Callison 1, Jon Maloney 1.

Top Rusher: Chris Callison 525 yards.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC (9 games)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Darren Shaw	12	2	74
Aaron LaCharite	9	4	58
Paul Cutoli	4	2	26
x-Sean Landers	0	17	23
Andrew Matos	3	0	18
Scott Campbell	2	0	12
Jarrod Pelletier	2	0	12
Adam Muzerall	1	0	6
Vin Forzese	0	2	2
Dan Vitale	0	1	1

x = kicked 2 field goals

TD Passes: Adam Muzerall 8.

TD Receptions: Paul Cutoli 4, Adam LaCharite 2, Scott Campbell 1, Darren Shaw 1.

Top Rushers: Darren Shaw 847 yards; Aaron LaCharite 450 yards.

GAME-BY-GAME

ANDOVER (2-6-1)

Foxboro 38, Andover 0
Dracut 20, Andover 0
Billerica 38, Andover 21
Tewksbury 40, Andover 7
Chelmsford 24, Andover 0
Andover 14, Methuen 12
Exeter, N.H. 16, Andover 14
Andover 14, Lowell 7
Andover 7, Haverhill 7
Points For: 77
Points Against: 202

CENTRAL CATHOLIC (7-2)

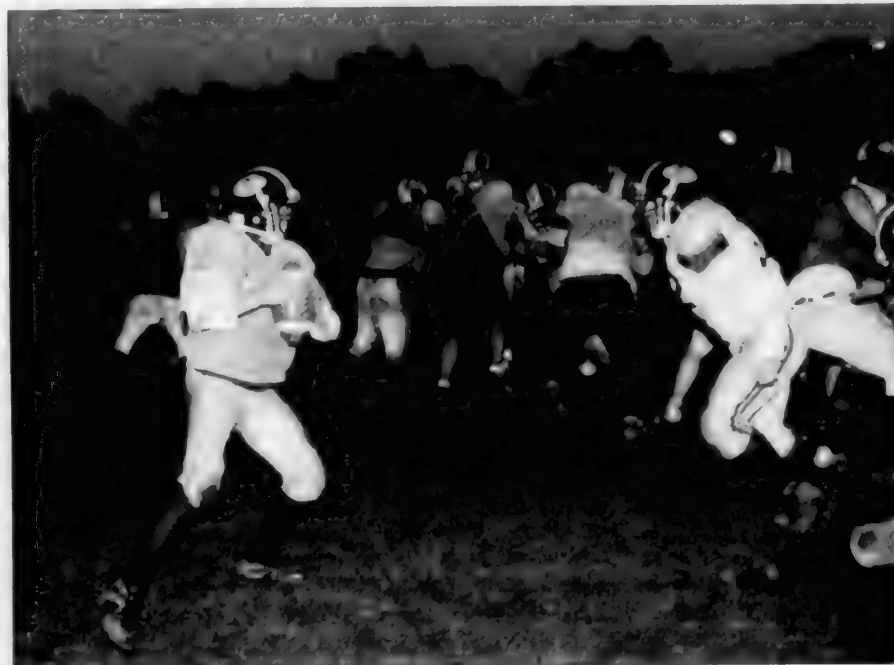
St. John's Prep 37, Central Catholic 27
Central Catholic 28, Lowell 7
Central Catholic 32, Haverhill 0
Central Catholic 34, New Bedford 8
Central Catholic 34, Dracut 7
Central Catholic 20, Billerica 7
Central Catholic 15, Tewksbury 14
Chelmsford 16, Central Catholic 14
Central Catholic 28, Methuen 12
Points For: 232
Points Against: 108

THANKSGIVING SCORES (Since 1981)

1981 — Central Catholic 12, Andover 7
1982 — Central Catholic 12, Andover 7
1983 — Andover 16, Central Catholic 15
1984 — Central Catholic 13, Andover 6
1985 — No Game (snowstorm)
1986 — Andover 14, Central Catholic 6
1987 — Central Catholic 7, Andover 0
1988 — Central Catholic 27, Andover 14
1989 — Central Catholic 16, Andover 14
1990 — Andover 14, Central Catholic 0
1991 — Central Catholic 17, Andover 16
1992 — Central Catholic 35, Andover 28
1993 — Central Catholic 28, Andover 6
1994 — Central Catholic 28, Andover 14
1995 — Central Catholic 14, Andover 8
1996 — Andover 9, Central Catholic 0
1997 — Central Catholic 42, Andover 8
1998 — Central Catholic 36, Andover 18
1999 — Central Catholic 30, Andover 6
2000 — ????



Coach Ken Maglio rallies his troops at practice Monday afternoon.



Quarterback Brendan Smith hopes to throw a winning touchdown on Thanksgiving morning.

Photos by Tim Jean

Band champs

Andover Band Director Brandon Psenicka decided not to have a conductor, and to instead have Day (who plays baritone saxophone) and Cohen (who plays tenor sax) share the position, which entails other leadership tasks such as organizing events and generally motivating the band. Not having a conductor was a challenge, band members agree, because it meant that musicians had to stay together by listening intently to one another rather than focusing visually on one person.

Day speaks highly of Psenicka's leadership.

"All the kids love him, even the kids who aren't in band," he says. "He's very laid back, but he gets done what needs to be done. He's the type of guy who makes you want to do the stuff he asks you to do."

Psenicka arranges the band's colorful play list, too, including the swing tunes that accompanied this year's show. Day says he has fond memories of performing songs by popular artists such as Sting and The Doors.

Although the competitions are over, the band has a few more engagements, including the remaining football games, and then it gets a break until Memorial Day. Asked if he was looking forward to the time off, Ben Davis replied, "Well, it's a double-edged sword — it's great to have the free time again, but when you have this thing you do everyday with the same people, all of whom you're friends with, and then it's over, you're like, 'What do I do now?'"

Table set for soccer banquet Dec. 6

The annual Andover Soccer Boosters Association banquet for the high school girls and boys varsity, JV and freshman teams will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. at the Andover Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Andover Marriott) on Old River Road.

Coaches of the respective teams will hand out several major awards and may also announce next year's captains.

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OFFENSE				
Pos.	NAME	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
QB	Brendon Smith	5-10	155	Fr.
HB	Chris Callison	6-0	173	Jr.
HB	Bruce Brown	5-11	175	Jr.
FB	Jason White	6-0	201	So.
TE	Jon Maloney	6-0	207	Sr.
RT	Josh Brooks	6-4	231	Sr.
RG	Andy Yurko	6-2	183	Sr.
C	Alex Gostanian	5-11	261	Jr.
LG	Courtney Gianans	6-4	243	Sr.
RT	Russell Stevens	6-3	221	So.
SE	Jason Crabb	5-11	185	Jr.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	NAME	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
E	Jon Maloney	6-0	207	Sr.
T	Dan Nolan	5-10	168	Sr.
NG	Andy Gallagher	5-08	187	Sr.
T	Russell Stevens	6-3	221	So.
E	Kyle Miller	6-2	211	Sr.
LB	Jason Crabb	5-11	185	Jr.
LB	Sean Smith	5-11	198	Sr.
MB	Andy Yurko	6-2	183	Sr.
CB	Chris Callison	6-0	173	Jr.
CB	Bob Weinberg	5-8	148	Jr.
FS	Bruce Brown	5-11	175	Jr.

Top Reserves				
Pos.	NAME	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
HB	Shahnar Ghandchi	6-0	200	Sr.
HB	Ben Perkins	6-1	193	Jr.
K	Adam Marel	5-9	140	Sr.
DL	Peter An	5-9	228	Sr.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC

OFFENSE				
Pos.	NAME	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
TE	Vin Forzese	6-1	225	Sr.
RT	Jeff Cooney	5-11	195	Jr.
RG	Mike Bracci	5-11	205	Jr.
C	Frank McKiernan	6-0	200	Jr.
LG	Gary Quinn	5-10	180	Sr.
LT	Brian Trowbridge	6-1	275	Jr.
SE	Paul Cutoli	5-11	170	Sr.
QB	Adam Muzerall	5-5	160	Sr.
HB	Darren Shaw	6-2	200	Sr.
HB	Aaron LaCharite	5-10	180	Sr.
FB	Matt Maroon	5-11	190	So.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	NAME	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.
NG	Mike Bracci	5-11	205	Jr.
T	Roger Viera	6-0	230	Sr.
T	Mark Scalisi	6-1	220	Sr.
E	Todd Beaudoin	5-10	185	Jr.
E	Matt Maroon	5-11	190	So.
LB	Vin Forzese	6-1	225	Sr.
LB	Darren Shaw	6-2	200	Sr.
CB	Aaron LaCharite	5-10	180	Sr.
CB	Brad Jolie	5-8	155	Jr.
FS	Scott Campbell	6-0	160	Jr.
S	Jarrod Pelletier	5-6	165	Sr.

Warriors ready for Thanksgiving Day

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carries. Andrew Matos has 330 yards in 50 rushes (6.6).

Quarterback Adam Muzerall has tossed eight touchdown passes, four to Paul Cutoli, and placekicker Sean Landers is a weapon with two field goals and 17 PAT kicks.

Overall Muzerall is 44-for-76 for 781 yards. He has been intercepted only four times and he has rushed for 245 yards on 55 carries.

LaCharite is the top receiver with 22 catches for 303 yards. Cutoli has 12 catches for 282 yards.

The Raiders' other loss was 37-27 to non-league St. John's Prep in the season opener, and six of Central's seven wins have been by margins of two touchdowns or more.

"As big as this game is we don't try and approach it any differently than any other game," said fourth-year CCHS head coach

Chuck Adamopoulos.

"The kids will get pumped up without any extra prodding from us (coaches)."

Central has a nucleus of 19 seniors, most of whom were members of the Raiders back-to-back MVC and Super Bowl championship teams in 1997 and 1998.

Central beat Andover 30-6 last fall and the Raiders have won three straight, eight of the last nine and 11 of the last 13 Thanksgiving Day games against Andover.

The Golden Warriors' most recent win was 9-0 in 1996 with quarterback Brian Tisbert, running back Ryan Games and a solid defensive effort leading the way.

Probably the most memorable game in the series came in 1989 at Lawrence Veterans Stadium when the Merrimack Valley Conference title and an Eastern Mass. Division 2

Super Bowl berth was riding on the outcome.

Central placekicker Glenn Lemieux booted a controversial game-winning field goal in the final minute to lift the Raiders to a 16-14 victory and the Bowl bid with an estimated 9,000 fans in attendance.

Only one game official, positioned behind the goalposts, signaled the kick was good. No other official made any sign.

It took him almost a half-minute to make his way through the crowd, ringing the field four and five deep, to indicate the kick was true.

Andover players, seeing no signal at first, assumed the kick was no good and began celebrating. After the official emerged from the crowd, the Central players began cheering while the shoulders of the AHS players slumped.

SPORTSTALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810.

Andover High senior field hockey standout Abby Dennehy, recently voted Most Valuable Player of the Merrimack Valley Conference, has been further honored by being selected for the annual "Best 60 Games."

The All-Star doubleheader, played last Sunday at Westfield State College in western Massachusetts, brings together the top 60 senior high school field hockey players in the state.

Dennehy, along with other MVC selectees Kate Thompson of Chelmsford and scoring champ Lilly Silva of Lowell, played for the North team.

Three more 15-player squads represented the South, Central and Western portions of

the state.

Dennehy, the Eagle Tribune Athlete-of-the-Week recently, was also among those players honored last week at the annual Andover High field hockey banquet at Andover Country Club.

Mike Giles of Andover, former star running back in football and sprinter in track at Andover High and now a freshman at Dartmouth College, last weekend started his third consecutive game on special teams as the Big Green played at Princeton.

Giles was originally recruited to Dartmouth as a defensive back, but was changed to tailback in mid-season by Dartmouth



Abby Dennehy

offensive coordinator and former AHS football-basketball-track standout John Perry.

Giles was in select company when chosen for All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors in football as a defensive back (junior year) and running back (senior) at Andover High.

As a junior at AHS, Giles helped the team to an 8-2 season by scoring eight touchdowns. Last fall he led the Golden Warriors with 14 touchdowns for 84 points.

He also caught five TD passes and threw two during his high school grid career.

Peter Hughes of Andover, a freshman at Roanoke College in Virginia, qualified for the prestigious Rolex Tennis Tournament.

The former Andover High tennis standout, who excelled in doubles, cemented his place in the tourney with a victory at second singles against in-state Division 1 rival Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

At Andover, Hughes played tennis for four years and was a two-time captain and three-time All-Conference selection.

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WHAT'S UP

Spring lacrosse registration set for Dec. 6-7

By Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services

Andover Youth Services Youth Lacrosse registration for spring 2001 is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor conference room of Town Offices.

We will be accepting registrations for boys and girls ages 11-14. The Youth Services will be entering a new team for 9- & 10-

year-olds, open to boys and girls and playing by boys rules. Space is limited on all teams and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no pre-registration. This program will teach the skills of lacrosse and offer games against neighboring towns. Andover Youth Lacrosse is run by volunteer coaches and help from parents.

The AYS winter lacrosse ses-

sion is ready to begin Sunday, Jan. 14 and will continue for six more weeks. If you are in middle school and want to play lacrosse in the spring or would like to learn the skills of lacrosse, this session at the AHS fieldhouse is for you. This session is designed for the beginner to learn the basic skills and fundamentals of lacrosse.

Andover High School varsity lacrosse coach, Wayne Puglisi,

and JV coach Todd Zahurak will lead instruction. There are separate times for 12 & under, 14 & under, and girls groups. More information and registration will be available at spring registration Dec. 6 and 7. The dates for the session are as follows: Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, and March 11, 18.

Lacrosse coaches needed

We are in need of coaches for AYS Spring Youth Lacrosse. If you have any experience coach-

ing lacrosse or played in college, come on down and give us a hand, we need your help!

Call the AYS at 623-8241 or stop by our office on the third floor of Town Offices if you are interested.

► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsman.com

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It is only the fifth time in the history of Andover Punchard High athletics that a sports team has won back-to-back state titles. The most recent were the 1991 and 1992 baseball teams and the 1974 and 1975 football teams.

Photo by Andy Baumgartner

Getting their medals at the MIAA girls state swimming championships at Wellesley College.

Andover,

which completed a perfect season by winning the state title at Wellesley College's Chandler Natatorium, almost duplicated its point total from last year and increased its margin of victory by a considerable amount.

The 283.5 points were just shy of last year's record total of 285.

Once again Merrimack Valley Conference archrival Chelmsford was second, but this time the Lions were more than 100 points behind at 165 after finishing 85.5 in arrears last fall.

Belmont placed third (149) and multi-time state champ Acton-Boxboro was fourth (121) as a record-high field of 41 schools competed.

For the second straight year sisters Connie and Sally Brown won two individual state titles each, and were also a part of two victorious relay teams.

Freshman Liz Mancuso emerged with three gold medals, touching first in the 50-yard freestyle and swimming on two winning relays.

The Lady Warriors finished first in eight of the 12 events, set two new state records and became the first girls swim team in state history to sweep first place in all three relays.

The state title follows a second consecutive undefeated MVC dual-meet season (12-0) and victories in the MVC Championship and North Sectional Meets.

Andover will graduate 13 seniors but the scariest thing for opponents is that all but 25 of the 283.5 points scored at the All-State Meet came from underclassmen.

There is no reason to believe this budding dynasty will crumble any time soon.

Sophomore Connie Brown, who already owned four state records (two individual, two relay) from last year, now has five as she shattered the oldest mark in the MIAA books when she won the 100 freestyle in 51.52 seconds.

That eclipsed the record of 51.62 established by Cynthia Kangos of Wellesley High in 1985.

In a nice touch by meet director Richard Lennon, coincidentally an Andover resident, Kangos was on hand to place the gold medal around Connie's neck as she mounted the podium for the awards ceremony.

Lennon saw Brown's qualifying time at Sectionals and thought it (new record) might happen — so he invited Kangos.

"She looked like she could jump in the water today and compete with these kids," said coach Fitzgerald.

The most amazing thing about Brown's performance is that it came just eight minutes after she defended her state title in the previous event — the 100 butterfly — with a 56.20 clock-



Photo by Andy Baumgartner

Elizabeth Mancuso of Andover started her win in 50 yard freestyle. MIAA girls state swimming championships at Wellesley College on Sunday, Nov. 19.

ing that was just off her own mark of 55.52 set in 1999.

The other state record, one Andover was chasing ardently, was achieved as Mancuso, senior Capt. Beth Couture, junior Holly Boucher and anchor Sally Brown won the 200 free relay in 1:38.26.

That eclipsed the existing mark of 1:38.62 set two years ago by Chelmsford, and it gives Andover the state record in all three relays.

Sally Brown had the fastest 50-yard split of 23.87, Boucher swam 24.03, Mancuso 24.53 and Couture 25.93.

"Mancuso swam the first leg and got us off to a great start," said Fitzgerald, and Couture doing 25.93 was the key to setting the record."

Junior Sally Brown repeated as state champ in her two specialties, the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

Her 1:52.92 clocking in the 200 was a shade off her 1:52.43 time of last fall. She has another year to chase the state record of 1:50.95 established by Caitlin Klick of Chelmsford in 1998.

Sally did not break the coveted five-minute mark in the 500, her 5:04.59 slightly above her winning 5:04.16 effort last November.

The state record remains 5:01.59 by Lindsay Wolf of Acton-Boxboro. Sally beat that time at the North Sectionals two weeks ago, but it is not an official state record because it was not achieved in the All-State Meet.

Mancuso and Boucher waged a friendly but fierce battle in the 50 free. Mancuso touching first in 24.32 seconds while defending state champ Boucher was a half-second behind in 24.63.

"When the same team takes 1-2 in any event it's worth 29 points and it knocks the wind out of every opponent's sails," said Fitzgerald.

Mancuso and Boucher also swam the first and third legs on the first-place 400 free relay, with Mancuso clocked in 54.18 and Boucher in 53.46.

Completing the team were sophomore Holly Hinds (55.15) and anchor Connie Brown, whose 51.11 leg was the fastest 50 of the day.

The overall time of 3:33.65 was less than a second off last year's state record 3:32.87 posted by the Brown

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1-METER DIVING: 2. Jen Busby 411.15 pts. 3. Jenny Ambro 400.45 pts. 7. Kristen Elsmore 363.95 pts. Other AHS: Becky Hass 350.45 pts.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Connie Brown 51.52 (state record). Other AHS: Ellie Browne 51.62. 2. 52.12. 3. 52.62. 4. 53.12. 5. 53.62. 6. 54.12. 7. 54.62. 8. 55.12. 9. 55.62. 10. 56.12. 11. 56.62. 12. 57.12.

100 FREE: 1. CBrown 51.52 (state record). Other AHS: Ellie Browne 51.62. 2. 52.12. 3. 52.62. 4. 53.12. 5. 53.62. 6. 54.12. 7. 54.62. 8. 55.12. 9. 55.62. 10. 56.12. 11. 56.62. 12. 57.12.

500 FREE: 1. Sally Brown 5:04.59. 2. 5:04.16. 3. 5:04.16. 4. 5:04.16. 5. 5:04.16. 6. 5:04.16. 7. 5:04.16. 8. 5:04.16. 9. 5:04.16. 10. 5:04.16. 11. 5:04.16. 12. 5:04.16.

Other AHS: Ellie Browne 51.62. 2. 52.12. 3. 52.62. 4. 53.12. 5. 53.62. 6. 54.12. 7. 54.62. 8. 55.12. 9. 55.62. 10. 56.12. 11. 56.62. 12. 57.12.

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Mancuso, 24.53; Couture, 25.93; Boucher, 24.03; Sally Brown, 23.87. 1:38.26 (state record).

100 BACKSTROKE: 6. Harlow 1:01.28. Other AHS: Holly Hinds 1:07.79.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 2. Boucher 1:07.65. 3. Hinds 1:09.90. Other AHS: Dana Medaglio 1:12.26. Caron 1:12.78.

400 FREE RELAY: 1. Mancuso (54.18), Hinds (55.15), Boucher (53.46) & CBrown (51.11) 3:33.65.

MIAA NORTH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Saturday, November 11
at Charles White Natatorium, Haverhill

Team Scores
1. ANDOVER 375 pts. 2. Acton-Boxboro 264. 3. Belmont 184. 4. Chelmsford 168. 5. Haverhill 90. 6. Burlington 67. 7. Reading 52. 8. Framingham 43. 9. Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro 30. 10. Billerica 28. 11. 18. Hater Marian 25. 12. Wakefield 20. 13. Winchester 18. 14. Lexington 15. 15. Lowell 7. 16. Cambridge R&L 4. 17. (tie) Melrose & Notre Dame Academy-Worcester 2. 19. Methuen 1.

Individual Events (Andover Placers)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Lauren Harlow, Connie Brown, Holly Hinds & Sally Brown 1:50.85.

200 FREE: 2. Caitlin Geary 1:56.95. 6. Harlow 1:59.55. 7. Caitlin Hamer 2:00.23.

200 IM: 1. SBrown 2:05.49 (meet record). 4. Hinds 2:14.27. 5. Amy Caron 2:18.62. 11. Monika Eghbalian 2:23.38.

50 FREE: 1. Liz Mancuso 24.68. 7. Beth Couture 25.12. 12. Enca Douvadjian 26.94.

1-METER DIVING: 1. Jen Busby 468.85 pts. 3. Jenny Ambro 450.45 pts.

418. 70 pts. 4. Kristen Elsmore 402.35 pts. 8. Gretchen Fuhr 315.50 pts.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. CBrown 56.60. 2. Mancuso 1:00.68. 8. Harlow 1:03.21. 19. Eghbalian 1:06.35.

100 FREE: 1. Holly Boucher 53.73. 8. Hamer 57.19. 11. Geary 57.42. 13. Edie Muller 58.51.

500 FREE: 1. SBrown 5:00.31 (meet record). 7. Ellie Browne 5:03.20. 10. Jamie Kapelson 5:35.40. 13. Jackie Leahy 5:41.21.

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Couture, Boucher, Mancuso & CBrown 1:39.83 (meet record).

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. CBrown 56.96. 9. Hillary Schofield 1:05.83. 22. Lauren Kapelson 1:08.60. 24. Matia Kostakis 1:09.27.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 2. Boucher 1:07.77. 3. Hinds 1:09.86. 5. Caron 1:11.48. 10. Dana Medaglio 1:13.54.

400 FREE RELAY: 1. Mancuso, SBrown, Hinds & Boucher 3:38.14.

MERRIMACK VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Division 1

Diving at Lowell High
Swim Races at Haverhill High

Thursday/Friday, November 2-3

Team Scores

1. ANDOVER 521 pts. 2. Chelmsford 371. 3. Haverhill 135. 4. Nashua NH 97. 5. Lowell 65.

Individual Events (Andover Placers)

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Andover A (Connie Brown, Holly Boucher, Sally Brown & Liz Mancuso). 1:51.01 (meet record). 2. Andover B (Lauren Harlow, Amy Caron, Holly Hinds & Caitlin Geary). 1:56.38.

200 FREE: 1. SBrown 1:56.61. 3. Geary 2:00.56. 5. Caitlin Hamer 2:03.80. 7. Edie Muller 2:08.80. 8. Jackie Leahy 2:08.91. 10. Jamie Kapelson 2:09.65.

200 IM: 1. Harlow 2:13.06. 3. Caron 2:21.04. 8. Monika Eghbalian 2:26.23. 12. Ellie Browne 2:32.83.

50 FREE: 1. Mancuso 24.95. 2. Boucher 24.98. 5. Beth Couture 26.76. 7. Carolyn Cody 27.78. 11. Enca Douvadjian 28.26.

1-METER DIVING: 1. Jen Busby 235.80 pts. 2. Jenny Ambro 218.80 pts. 3. Kristen Elsmore 211.60 pts. 4. Gretchen Fuhr 193.65 pts. 8. Becky Hass 178.60 pts. 9. Erin Daly 166.30 pts. 10. Kaitlin Doyle 161.35 pts. 11. Bahaar Masshizadegan 160.50 pts.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. CBrown 57.15 (meet record). 2. Mancuso 1:00.68. 9. Eghbalian 1:06.37. 11. Christina Kuipers 1:08.62.

100 FREE: 1. CBrown 52.38 (meet record). 2. Hinds 55.61. 7. Muller 59.58. 10. Couture 1:01.31. 11. Cody 1:01.68.

500 FREE: 1. SBrown 5:10.02 (meet record). 2. Geary 5:12.18. 3. Hamer 5:30.24. 6. Leahy 5:37.24 (state cut). 7. Browne 5:38.11 (state cut).

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Andover A (Boucher, Mancuso, SBrown & CBrown). 1:40.54. 4. Andover B (Couture, Hilary Schofield, Cody & Douvadjian). 1:51.17.

100 BACKSTROKE: 2. Harlow 1:01.88. 6. Schofield 1:08.34. 9. Matia Kostakis 1:09.56. 11. Lauren Kapelson 1:10.90.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Boucher 1:08.96. 2. Hinds 1:11.27. 3. Caron 1:12.79. 5. Dana Medaglio 1:14.46. 9. Douvadjian 1:15.62.

400 FREE RELAY: 2. Andover A (Geary, Hamer, Harlow & Hinds). 3:55.43. 5. Andover B (Douvadjian, Couture, Caron & Muller). 4:05.87.



Holly Hinds of Andover doing the breaststroke in the winning 200 yards.
Photo by Andy Baumgartner

Girls swim & dive team

sisters, Boucher and Lauren Harlow.

Harlow swam the backstroke leg in 29.45 to get the Lady Warriors' 200 medley relay team on its way to victory in the first race of the meet.

Hinds followed with a 31.75 in the 50 breaststroke, Connie Brown did the 50 butterfly in 24.87 and Sally Brown wrapped up the win with a 24.03 in the 50 free.

The overall time of 1:49.54 was a split-second above the state-record 1:49.41 time registered last fall by the Brown sisters, Boucher and Caitlin Geary.

Before the first swimmer ever hit the water the state champs had a healthy lead, piling up 31 points in the morning during the one-meter diving competition.

Andover took three of the top seven places, led by defending state champ Jen Busby who settled for second place this time around.

Busby amassed 411.15 points to trail only Alisha Lee of Seekonk High, who had finished runner-up to Busby by 10 points (432-422) last year.

AHS senior Jenny Ambro placed third (390.45 points) and junior Kristen Elsmore (363.95) was seventh.

Ambro, who returned to her native Andover this year after spending three years in North Carolina, was a pleasant surprise all season.

Elsmore also scored high last year when she placed fourth with 395.80 points.

The locals came up with two strong performances in the 100 breaststroke. Boucher second in 1:07.65 and Hinds third (1:09.90).

Boucher gave defending state champ and state recordholder Whitney Ryan of

Belmont High a serious swim for the gold.

Ryan won the race by slightly more than one second in 1:06.39.

"Holly suggested I put her in the 100 breast because she knew Connie wanted to go for the record in the 100 free," said Fitzgerald. "It was a totally unselfish gesture because Holly won the state title in the 100 free last year."

Andover had several other scorers who placed top 12.

Harlow was third (2:12.13) and Hinds seventh (2:14.32) in the 200 IM, while Harlow was also sixth in the 100 backstroke with a personal-best 1:01.28.

Sophomore Caitlin Geary was fourth in the 500 free (5:13.77) and 11th in the 200 free (2:00.48).

Sophomore Caitlin Hamer finished ninth in the 500 free (5:21.68) and 12th in the 200 free (2:00.78).

Others competing included freshman Amy Caron (2:20.06) and sophomore Monika Eghbalian (2:24.25) in the 200 IM, Couture (personal-best 26.07) and junior Erica Douvadjian (personal-best 26.25) in the 50 free.

Also, junior Becky Hass (17th place) in the diving, junior Edie Muller in the 100 free (57.88), junior Ellie Browne in the 500 free (5:35.32), senior Capt. Hilary Schofield in the 100 back (1:07.79), sophomore Dana Medaglio (1:12.26) and Caron (1:12.78) in the 100 breast.

"We had a couple of swims that didn't go quite the way we expected," said Fitzgerald. "But the majority of the times and performances were excellent."

"The whole thing — two straight state titles — is pretty overwhelming."

This bears repeating: Andover will graduate 13 seniors — but the scariest thing for opponents is that all but 25 of the 283.5 points scored at the All-State Meet came from underclassmen.

There is no reason to believe this budding dynasty will crumble any time soon.

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The Douvadjian sisters of Andover. Justine (left) swims for Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro, and Erica swims for Andover High.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Railroad Street LLC, 1790 Turnpike St., North Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section, Sections IV.B.16.b and VI.A.5.c.(4) and for a special permit under Article VIII, Sections IV.B.a and VII.A.1 to all conversion of an existing non-conforming structure for the operation of a sit-down and take-out restaurant.

Premises affected are located at 317 Railroad Street, Andover, MA. in a Mixed Use District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 1B.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Rick Gagnon, 6 Whittier Court, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to allow a second story addition to a non-conforming residence which will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 6 Whittier Court, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and is shown on Assessor's Map 39, as Lot 171.

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Bruce & Mary Dunbar, 15

Appletree Lane, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A to allow construction of a single family residence which will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 13 Appletree Lane, Andover, MA. in a Single Residence B District; and is shown on Assessor's Map 42, as Lot 14.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2721-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF
JOSEPH J. ELWARD

To all persons interested in the estate JOSEPH J. ELWARD late of the County of Essex, Date of Death July 31, 2000.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by DOROTHY M. ELWARD of Andover in the County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON December 11, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 8, 2000

Pamela Casey Q'Brien
Register of Probate Court
November 22, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Windham Realty LLC, PO Box 3069, Andover, Ma. for a special permit from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section, Sections IV.B.10 to allow the operation of a banking establishment on the premises.

Premises affected are located at 12 Haverhill Street, Andover, MA. in an Industrial A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 35 as Lot 5.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
November 22 & 30, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Essex Division Docket No. 00P 0931-G11 NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of VINCENT E. MOTTOLA, JUNIOR of 7 Warwick Circle, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810, a mentally ill person.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of NICHOLAS A. SANNELLA as temporary Guardian (the fiduciary) of the property of said VINCENT E. MOTTOLA, JUNIOR has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the eighteenth day of December 2000, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account. If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this sixteenth day of November, 2000.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
November 22, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andrew Bourland, 39 High Street Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section V.A and/or a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 to construct an open deck and repair existing garage that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 39 High Street, Andover, MA. in a single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 38 as Lot 107.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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November 22 & 30, 2000

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 7, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Walker Realty Trust, 2 Lan Drive, Westford, MA 01836 for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section VI.S.2.a.(2), (3) & (4) to combine 2 lots and replace existing building at 516 So. Main Street and maintain existing structure at 514 So. Main Street to be used as accessory to the proposed future day care facility.

Premises affected are located at 514-516 South Main Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and is shown on Assessor's Map 84 as Lots 7 & 8.

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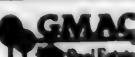
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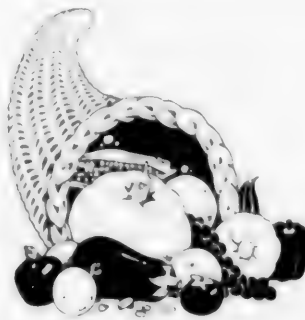
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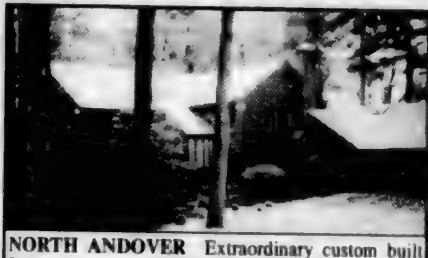
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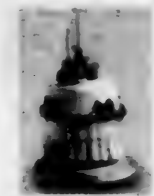


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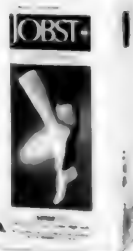
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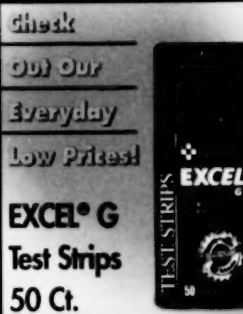
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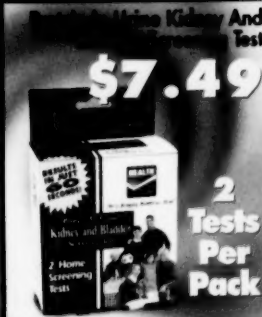
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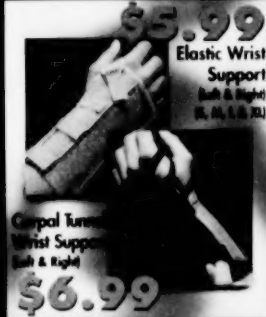
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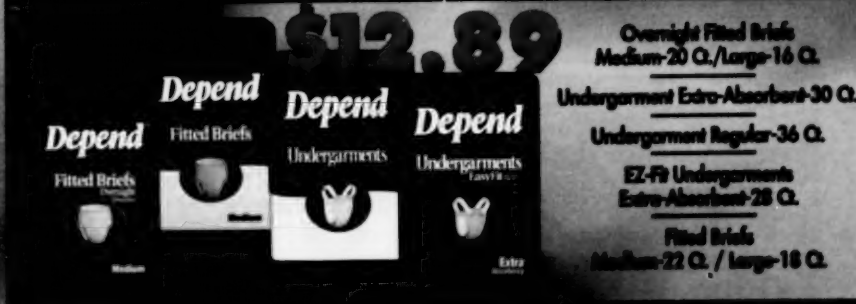
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